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### NOTICES.

#### HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB. ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1929.

OWNERS are reminded that entries for the Annual Race Meeting must be in the hands of the Secretary on or before SATURDAY, 26th January, 1929, at 8 p.m.

By Order,  
C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 22nd Jan., 1929.

#### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

25th, 26th, 27th February and 2nd March, 1929.

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Hong Kong, 15th Dec., 1928.

#### UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Company, Limited, on THURSDAY, the 31st January, 1929, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1928. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd January to 31st January, 1929, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & COMPANY, LTD.  
General Managers.  
Hong Kong, 18th Jan., 1929.

#### HONG KONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Hong Kong Benevolent Society will be held in St. John's Cathedral Hall on FRIDAY, 1st February, 1929, at 5.30 p.m. Mr. R. SUTHERLAND, O.B.E. will take the Chair.

Hong Kong, 15th Jan., 1929.

#### HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, the 8th February, 1929, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1928.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 31st January to FRIDAY, 8th February (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.  
Hong Kong, 24th Jan., 1929.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders of the Hong Kong Realty and Trust Company, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Exchange Building (2nd floor), Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 16th day of February, 1929, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the Year ended the 31st December, 1928, and re-electing Directors and the Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 11th day of February, 1929, until SATURDAY, the 16th day of February, 1929, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
C. F. V. RIBEIRO,  
Acting Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 25th Jan., 1929.

#### THE HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Shareholders of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will be held on SATURDAY, the 2nd day of February, 1929, at 12 o'clock noon at the City Hall Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the following resolution, viz:—

That the Directors of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation be and they are hereby requested and authorised by and on behalf of the shareholders of the Corporation to take all such steps as may be necessary for the introduction of an Ordinance into the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hong Kong and for the enactment of the same by the Governor of Hong Kong with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, in the terms of a print which, for the purposes of identification, has been signed by the Chief Manager of the Corporation, in substitution for the existing Ordinances (except as in such print is mentioned) and Deed of Settlement of the Corporation.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further extraordinary meeting of the shareholders of the Corporation will be held on SATURDAY, the 23rd day of February, 1929, at 12.45 in the afternoon at the same place for the purpose of receiving a report of the above mentioned meeting and of considering, and, if thought fit, confirming the above resolution in accordance with Article 96 of the Corporation's Deed of Settlement.

Dated this 1st day of January, 1929.

By Order of the Directors,  
A. C. HYNES,  
Chief Manager.

Note:—A copy of the proposed New Ordinance can be seen during the usual banking hours (Sundays, Public and Bank Holidays excepted) in Hong Kong at the Head Office of the Corporation or at the offices of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master, Prince's Buildings, Solicitors to the said Corporation, and in Shanghai at the Office of the Corporation, from the date hereof until the date of the above mentioned confirmatory meeting.

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### ROASTED RUSSIAN

FATAL SEARCH FOR WARM PLACE TO SLEEP IN  
NEAR BOILER

Shanghai, Jan. 22.

The danger of Russian vagrants forcing their way on board steam launches and sleeping near the boilers was amply illustrated in connection with the death of a Russian who was suffocated and roasted to death on board the launch "Han Ching," a vessel belonging to the Shanghai Tug & Lighter Co.

It appears that numerous unemployed Russians, finding themselves homeless, have been in the habit of going on board various kinds of river craft, intimidating the Chinese hands, and sleeping near the boilers. This has come to be more or less a nightly occurrence and the Chinese crews are "fed up" with the whole thing. The Tug & Lighter Co.'s men are not the only ones to be victimised in this manner for other companies have received similar complaints from their employees.

The Search for Warmth. In the present case, it appears that at eight o'clock on Friday night last, two Russians went aboard the "Han Ching" and were chased away by the crew. Thinking nothing further of the matter, the Chinese went to sleep and, during their slumbers, four Russians, apparently members of the same gang, boarded the vessel, which was lying at the office jetty in the French Bund. The inference is that they went to sleep and after a rest three got up and left the "Han Ching."

At three o'clock on Saturday morning the crew were awakened and noticed three Russians apparently trying to pull something away from the boiler casing. They were ordered ashore but refused to go. As they could not speak the Chinese language, they made signs which the Chinese read to be that a man was asleep near the boiler.

In Inaccessible Position. An investigation was made and one of the foremen got to the side of the boiler where he noticed the body of a man lying between the bottom of the boiler and the hull casing. Attempts were at once made to draw the man out but these were unsuccessful on account of the heated boiler.

The launch then took the vessel across to the Pootung side, to the River Police Hulk and reported the matter, at the same time enlisting the assistance of the River Police in extricating the man. The fires

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### Betty Bronson



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were at once drawn so as to allow the boiler to cool down and to permit of the body to be removed, as it was assumed that the man must by that time have been dead.—"N. C. D. News."

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HIMALAYA MARU ..... Wednesday, 6th February.  
BANGKOK—Via Saigon.  
KOSHO MARU ..... Sunday, 3rd February.  
HAIKONG—Via Hanoi & Yantai.  
MENADO MARU ..... Thursday, 31st January 10 a.m.  
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.  
JAPAN PORTS.  
GANGER MARU ..... Saturday, 26th January.  
KEELUNG—Via SWATOW & AMOY.  
HOZAN MARU ..... Sunday, 27th January Noon.  
CANTON MARU ..... Sunday, 3rd February Noon.  
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## "HSINWAH" INQUEST

Light Keeper's Allegations Denied

EVIDENCE VARIES ON VITAL POINTS

Coroner's Comments

There was a good deal of conflicting evidence forthcoming at the inquest on a "Hsinwah" victim, resumed at the Central Magistrate's court yesterday.

The Chinese charge operator on duty at the Radio Telegraph Office on the night of the 16th, was called into the witness box. He said it was untrue that between 3.40 and 4 a.m. that night any calls came through from Waglan. The first message he received over the tape was at 4.08 a.m. Previous to that time the tape was absolutely blank.

Mr. W. F. Hast, lighthouse keeper at Waglan, stated in evidence on Thursday that he endeavoured to get into touch with the Radio office at 3.42 a.m. but that the operator failed to understand him, and kept on asking him to repeat words.

Later in the hearing a difficulty arose over a message sent from the Harbour Office to the Water Police Station. Mr. Thompson, of the Harbour Office, when re-examined, stated positively that he called the station between 5.30 and 5.40 a.m., and said the "Hsinwah" had sunk. The Sergeant on duty that night, however, deposed that the message was received at 5.15 a.m., and that it merely stated that a ship was in distress north of Waglan. He received no message saying the vessel had sunk.

The Coroner (Mr. R. E. Lindell) in the course of the hearing, emphasised the fact that the question of time was of the utmost importance. Every five minutes counted, he said; and added that too many minutes appeared to have been thrown away. He also expressed himself strongly on the fact that no message was received by Police Launch No. 4 until 6.20 a.m., more than half an hour after the Water Police were informed of the disaster.

The Harbour Master, the Hon. Commr. G. F. Hole, R.N., was again on the Bench with Mr. R. E. Lindell.

The Evidence  
Upon the resumption of the enquiry yesterday afternoon, Mr. W. F. Hast, Government lighthouse keeper in charge of the Waglan light, produced correct copies of reports sent in officially by telegraph, together with the time of despatch taken at Waglan.

Mr. Thompson, of the Harbour Office, was then recalled. He stated that about 4.20 a.m. on the 16th, he received a phone message at the Harbour Office from Mr. Taylor, Inspector of Lighthouses, at Green Island. The message stated that a ship had struck a rock north of Waglan, and was in a sinking condition. Witness at once informed H.M.S. "Tamar," Talkoo Dock, and Kowloon Dock, and finally rang up the Harbour Master. He also called up Mr. Greig, who arranged to send out the Talkoo tug as soon as possible.

Witness received another message at 5.30 a.m. from the same source stating that the vessel had sunk. He got into touch with Talkoo Dockyard, H.M.S. "Tamar," and the Water Police. He asked the Water Police if No. 4 launch was available, as he thought it might be somewhere in the vicinity of the wreck. The "Kausing" (typhoon tug) was not ready to put to sea at the time. In reply to a question from the Coroner, witness thought it would take the "Kausing" about 12 hours to get up steam from cold boilers.

Continuing, witness stated that between the time of getting the first and second messages he rang up Talkoo Dock more than once to hasten the tug's departure.

Talkoo Tug  
Mr. J. T. Thirlwell, a master mariner in charge of the Talkoo tug, was then called. He deposed that at about 4.30 a.m. on the 16th he was rung up at his house, at the eastern end of the dockyard. In consequence of the message he received, he dressed, went aboard the tug, and ordered steam. He also sent out for those members of the crew who were ashore at the time. The tug cast off ropes, and put to sea at 5.25 a.m. He then proceeded straight to the north end of Waglan.

The weather was very bad, with a head wind and heavy sea running. A beam of Cape D'Aguilar witness had to ring down from full speed to avoid being swamped. When he approached Waglan he signalled, by Morse lamp, to the lighthouse, asking the position of the ship ashore. This was between 5.30 and 5.45 a.m. He was alone on the bridge, and could not read Waglan's reply, so called the light wireless operator. They

could not catch the message even then, but, as it was now becoming light, Waglan started to signal with flags, stating that the vessel had sunk.

D'Aguilar's Wireless  
On the way out, at 6.17 a.m., D'Aguilar had wireless the position of the ship (described as "distressed") as being 300 yards N.W. of Waglan at 3.15 a.m. This was in reply to an enquiry made from the tug.

He eventually located the sunken vessel, steaming to within 200 feet.

The mast was showing above the water. Witness was unable to distinguish with certainty whether the sunken ship had wireless or not. In any case, the carrying of wireless would not necessarily indicate its being a passenger vessel.

Witness went on to say that he examined the shore line and saw two spars, but no signs anywhere of rafts, boats, or human beings. He signalled to Waglan, asking if they had seen anything. The lighthouse replied "Not seen anything." He then signalled "I shall return in," and arrived back at Talkoo, at 3.15 a.m.

The Coroner: At this time of the year, is there a strong current south-west from Waglan?

Witness: Yes, you always get it about this time.

Answering further questions by the Coroner, witness said that he did not consider this current would be strong enough to carry wreckage cut of sight of Waglan by 7.30 a.m. The water was 14 to 15 fathoms deep where the ship sank. As regard the weather, his vessel was very difficult to manage until he turned his stern to the sea going back.

D'Aguilar wireless him at 7.50 a.m. asking if any lives had been saved, and also enquired the name of the distressed ship. At no time did they notify him that the ship had been sunk. Only Waglan did this, by their flag signals.

Witness further concurred with the Coroner that D'Aguilar was not aware at 6.17 a.m. that the ship was sunk, and even at 7.20 did not know its name.

Saw Ship Sink  
Mr. D. V. Maher, assistant at the lighthouse to Mr. Hast, stated that he was roused by his chief at 4.30 a.m. He went outside, and saw the lights of a steamer about a quarter of a mile away to the north-west. The ship was sounding distress signals on her siren, also lighting flares, and sending up rockets. She appeared to be sinking.

Witness went down to the landing stage with lights and ropes, so as to be of assistance. The ship went on signalling until 4.45 a.m., when she disappeared.

Radio Operator's Story  
Lai Sheung, a charge operator at the Radio Telegraph Office, was next called. He stated that he had been in Government service 13 years, and had 17 years' experience. In all, as a telegraphist. On the night of the 16th he was on duty alone.

In answer to the Coroner, witness stated definitely that he received no call until 4.08 a.m. by the office clock, which was electrically synchronised. The first message consisted of three words only—"Please phone urgent."

On receipt of this message he got through to D'Aguilar on the phone, and from thence to Waglan, over the telegraph cable between these two points. Waglan could not ring up from their end.

Witness got through in two minutes. He heard Mr. Hast say "Steamer sighted east of Waglan at 3.15 a.m." but could not catch any more of the message. He asked Mr. Hast to repeat, but the latter "seemed to start to shout." He could not understand what was being said, and at Mr. Hast's request, put him through to the Supervisor of Telephones.

A Denial  
Witness said it was untrue that between 3.40 and 4 a.m. the light keeper at Waglan was sending calls through which he (witness) failed to take, or to which he asked for words to be repeated.

Half an hour after the first message he received a telegraphic communication from Waglan which he entered in the register. This was at 4.45. He forwarded the message to H.M.S. "Tamar" at 4.55 a.m. and Mr. Taylor at 5.10 a.m. The difference of a quarter of an hour was occupied in typing confirmatory copies. He also knew that Mr. Taylor was already informed. Mr. Taylor also said he would acquaint the Harbour Master and Water Police. At 5.25 another message came from Waglan, saying the ship was sinking. He again informed Mr. Taylor and H.M.S. "Tamar."

The Coroner then asked for the tape used during the time under discussion, also for the confirmatory copies of messages received from Waglan between 3.30 and 5 a.m. on the 16th. They were produced.

Continuing his evidence, witness said the messages on the tape were badly sent. The tape was absolutely blank prior to the message at 4.08 a.m. The communication received at 5.25 was passed on to H.M.S. "Tamar" at 5.30, and to Mr. Taylor at 5.35. His instructions were to notify H.M.S. "Tamar," Water Police, and the Harbour Master only in cases of piracy or distress signals. He had no instructions as to having D'Aguilar broadcast messages.

## Police Evidence

Sub-inspector R. G. Butcher, in charge of No. 4 Police Launch was the next witness. At 6.20 a.m. on the 16th he was off the Sai Kong district, about 12 miles north east of Waglan, when he received a wireless message from the Water Police. It said "Ship in distress quarter mile north of Waglan." He went full speed to a spot three or four miles north of Waglan. There was a strong wind, and heavy sea and it was not safe to take his vessel over to Waglan. His boats could not have been launched in the sea that was running. Witness added that he saw no signs of a ship in distress.

Answering the Coroner, witness said that his wireless operator had been on watch all night. Had the news been broadcast before 6.20 a.m., his launch must have received it. He called up Water Police at 7 or 7.15 a.m., but got no further news.

Mr. Thompson was again recalled. He stated that he rang up the Sergeant on duty at Water Police Station at 5.30 to 5.40 a.m. on the 16th. He spoke to a European, leaving a brief message that a ship had sunk a quarter mile north of Waglan.

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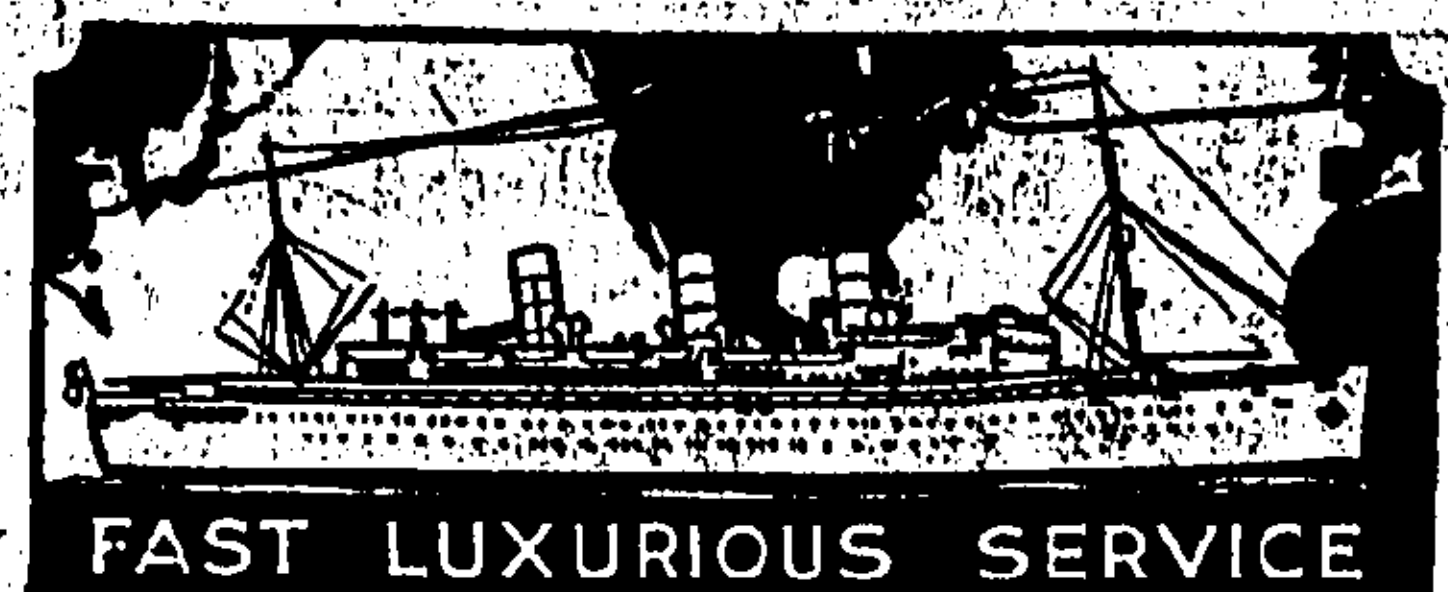
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It should be noted that these agreements cover only the steel and railway carriage and wagon interests of Messrs. Vickers, Vickers-Armstrong, and Cammell Laird, and that their other activities are unaffected and will be carried on as heretofore.

## Registered

The new company, called the English Steel Corporation, Ltd., mentioned above, was registered as a public company, with a nominal capital of £100 in 31 shares. The objects of this concern are stated to be "to acquire and amalgamate certain parts or departments of the undertakings, works, properties, and assets of Vickers, Ltd., Vickers-Armstrong, Ltd., and Cammell Laird and Co., to enter into three agreements with those companies and to carry on all kinds of engineering business and the business of iron masters, iron foundries, steel makers, and converters, &c. Power is taken to manufacture armour and bullet-proof plate, but, except as stated above, the company may not carry on any other business."

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Vickers, Ltd., reorganised their business in January, 1925, and cancelled the £4,000,000 of the 12,115,488 issued Ordinary shares. The capital of the new Vickers, Ltd., is now £4,105,161 in Ordinary and 2,760,000 in First Preference shares. The new company was formed by the amalgamation of the following firms:—

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The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" from Hong Kong on Jan. 9, left Yokohama on Friday at 8 p.m., and is due at Vancouver today.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Shanghai yesterday at 2.30 p.m. left Shanghai today at 9 a.m., and is due at Nagasaki to-morrow at 3 p.m.

The Dollar-round-the-world liner "President Hayes" will sail to-morrow, at 8 a.m. for Mediterranean ports and New York, via Manila, Straits, etc.

The P. & O. s.s. "Padua" is due here from Singapore on Monday at about 6 a.m.

The motor vessel "Japanese Prince" from New York sailed from Shanghai on Thursday afternoon and is expected to arrive here to-morrow at daylight.

The American Mail liner "President Grant" leaves Manila today, at 4 p.m. and will arrive in Hong Kong on Monday, at 7 a.m. This steamer will leave on Tuesday, at noon for San Francisco and Los Angeles, via Shanghai, Japan, and Honolulu.

The B.I. s.s. "Santhia" left Kobe for this port on Thursday morning, and is due here on Monday afternoon.

The B.I. s.s. "Takada" left Singapore for this port on Jan. 23 afternoon, and is due here on Jan. 29 afternoon.

The E. & A. s.s. "Arafura" left Moji for this port yesterday afternoon, and is due here on Jan. 30 in the morning.

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The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" (R.W. Cruise), left Colombo on Thursday at 6 p.m., is due at Batavia on Jan. 29 at 6 a.m., and at Hong Kong on Feb. 15 at a.m.

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Sailing from Hong Kong  
S.S. "City of Peking" to Shanghai and Japan, Jan. 28.

S.S. "City of Khartoum" to London, Feb. 3.

S.S. "City of Guildford" to New York, March 2.

## "HSINWAH" INQUEST

(Continued from Page 4.)

The Coroner: "You are certain you saw the ship was sunk?"

Witness said he did not think it necessary to get hold of the Harbourmaster again after he had relayed the first message. As the Talkoo tug had gone out and No. 4 launch was ordered away.

## Discrepancy in Times

Sergeant G. Youe, who was on duty at the Water Police Station on the night of 15th-16th, said that he received one message only during that time. It came from the Harbour Office, and informed that a vessel was "on the rocks" north of Waglan. It was further suggested that the launch should be sent out.

The time the message was received was 5.15 a.m.

The Coroner here interposed to remark that the question of time was of the utmost importance in the case. "Every five minutes counted" he observed, "and there seems to have been a good many five minutes thrown away." His Worship also commented strongly on the fact that no wireless message reached No. 4 Police Launch until 7.20 a.m., over half an hour after it was relayed to the Water Police.

Witness, continuing, said that positively no other messages were received. He roused Inspector Andrews, and told him. The Inspector wrote out a message to be handed to the wireless man to transmit to No. 4 launch. He heard the apparatus start, but could not swear the same message was being despatched.

Further to his Worship, witness stated that at no time did he receive a message stating that the ship was sunk.

The Coroner then adjourned the inquest until Tuesday, the 29th, at 11.15 a.m., when it is understood the wireless operators from the Water Police and No. 4 launch will appear.

## QUARANTINE

It is declared by order of H. E. the Governor in Council that Shanghai is a place at which an infectious or contagious disease prevails.

## HONG KONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the Tide-predicting Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides, from the result of the analysis of the tidal observations, taken at the Kaulung tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Dobson during the years 1897, 1898, and 1899.

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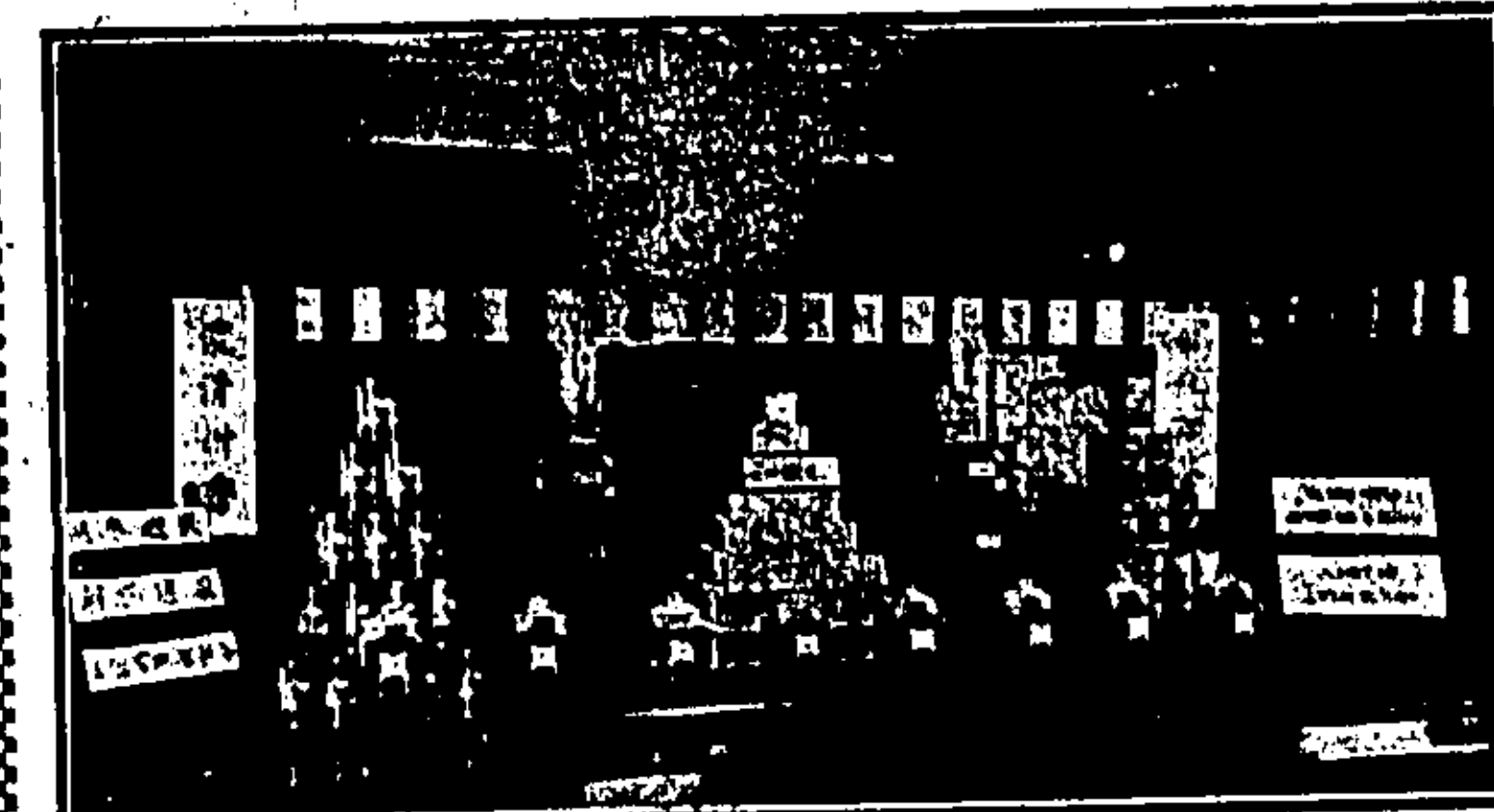
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**PICTURESQUE ANNUAL CEREMONY.**—In the centre of the front row is Mr. M. K. Lo, J.P., chairman of the new board of directors of the Tung Wah Hospital, who are elected to serve a year. With Mr. Lo are the other new directors. Behind them are the retiring directors, with Mr. Tang Shiu-kin (the last chairman) in the centre of the last row. The very picturesque ceremony of handing over office and control of much property was carried out in the Hospital last Sunday.—(Kwong Ngai).



**NATURE CUTS HER ROCKS CLEAN AND PERPENDICULAR.**—One of Dr. Alex. Cannon's pictures taken during his sojourn in the South, showing some wonderfully cut rocks on the trip from Lungchow to Nanking.—(Strict copyright).



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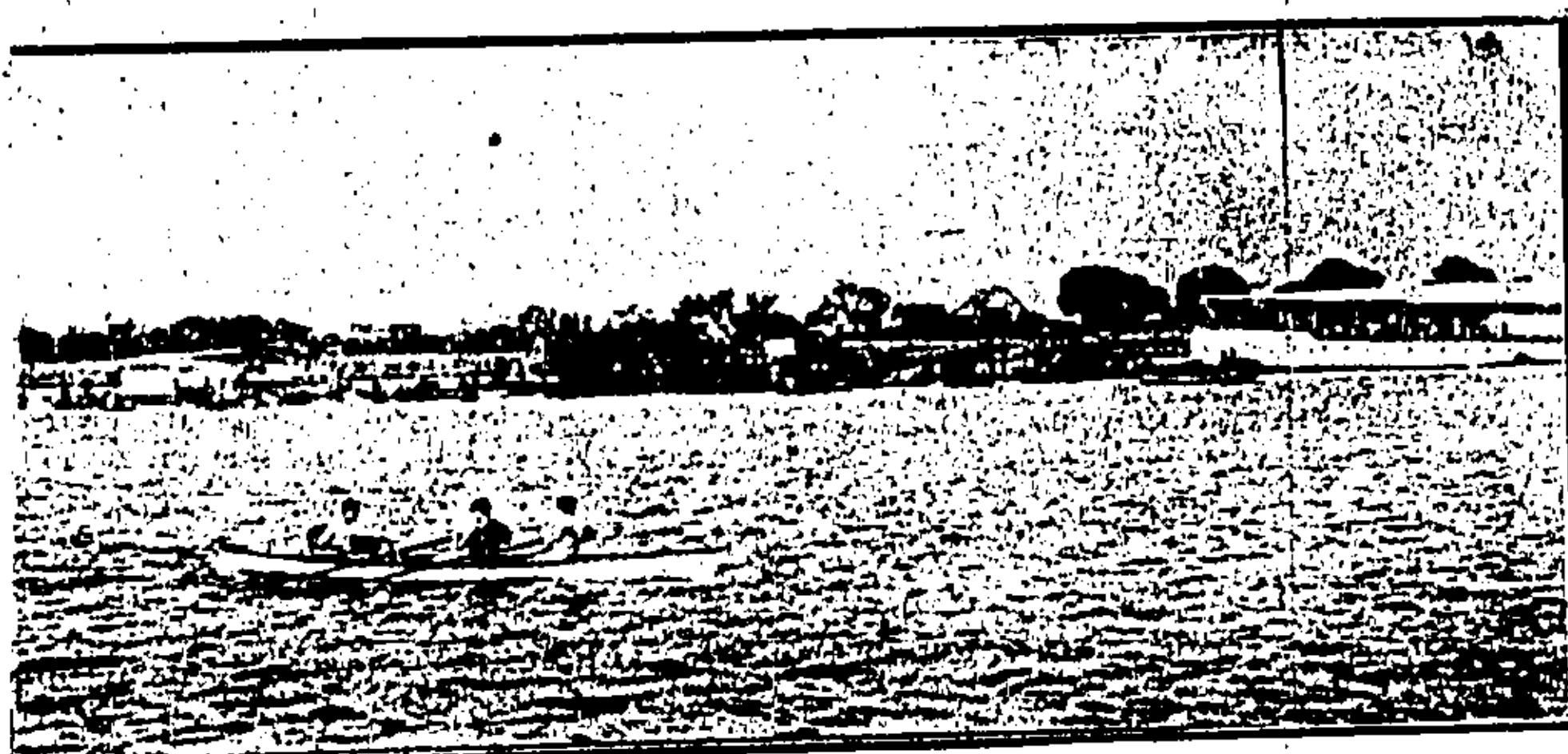
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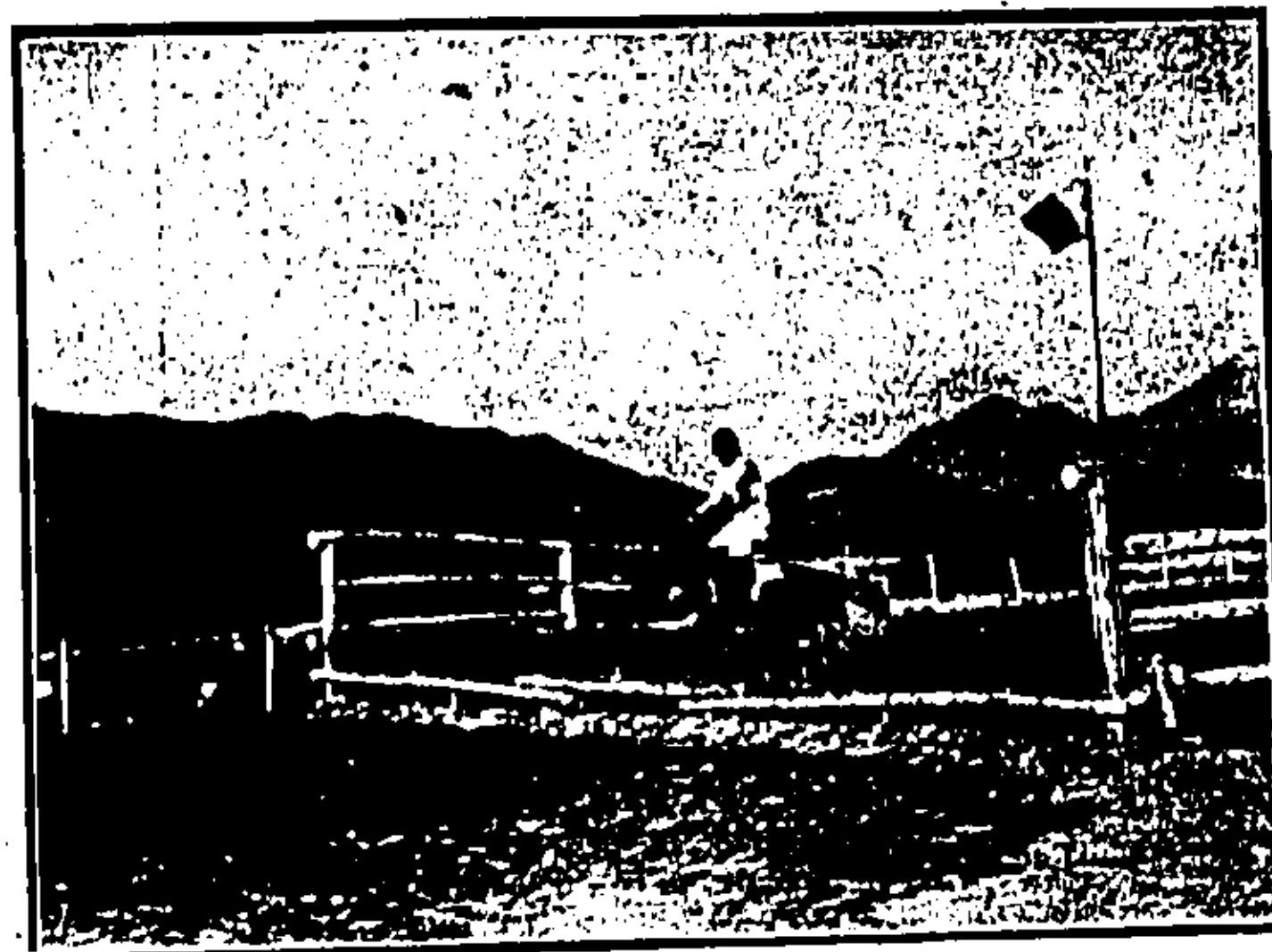
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**WHERRIES RACE.**—The pair from the French gunboat "Vigilante" (in foreground) defeating the pair from H.M.S. "Tarantula" (seen in wherry off the white houseboat in background, at left) in the regatta held at Canton last Saturday.—(Ah Fong).



**ACE OF SPADES.**—Owned and ridden by Lt. J. G. Shillington, 2nd K.O.S.B.'s, taking a jump at the Fanling Hunt's New Year steeplechases when winning the Grand Military Challenge Cup presented by Sir Victor Sassoon.—(K. Fujiyama).



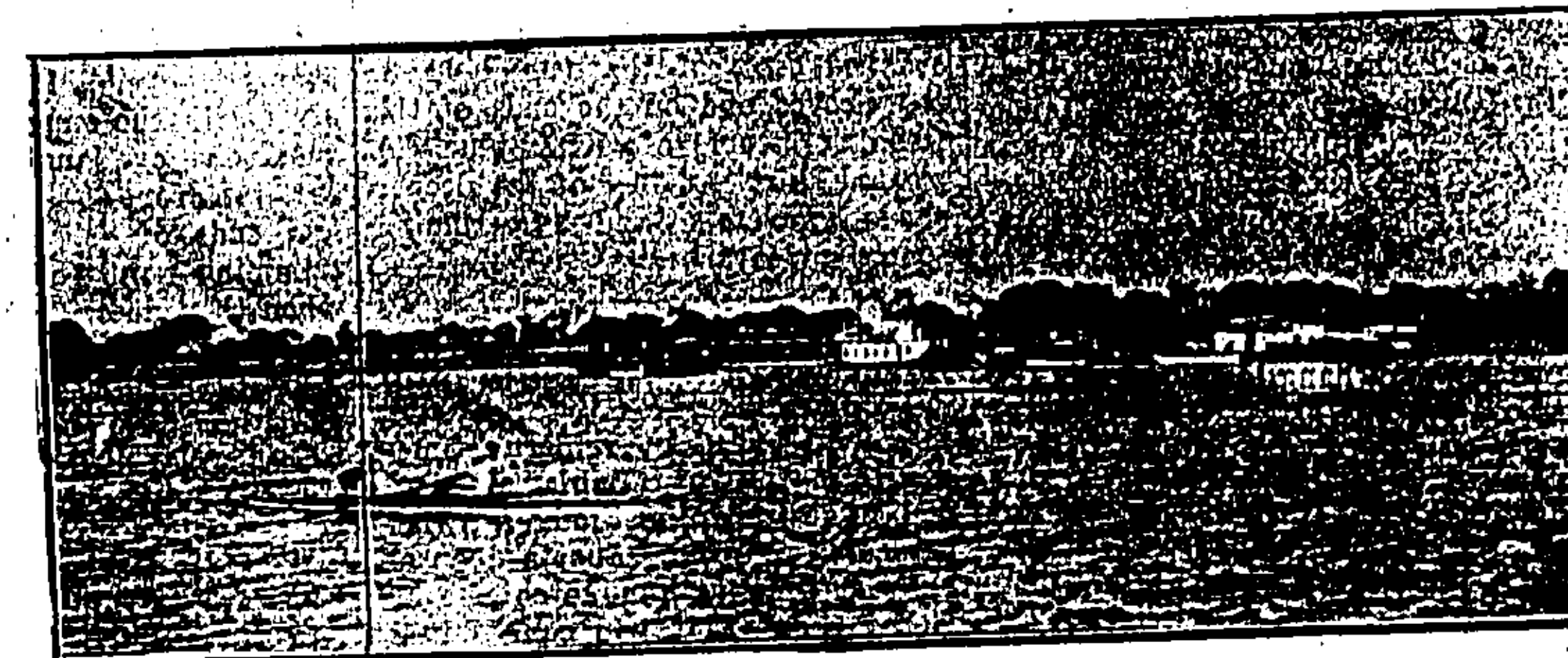
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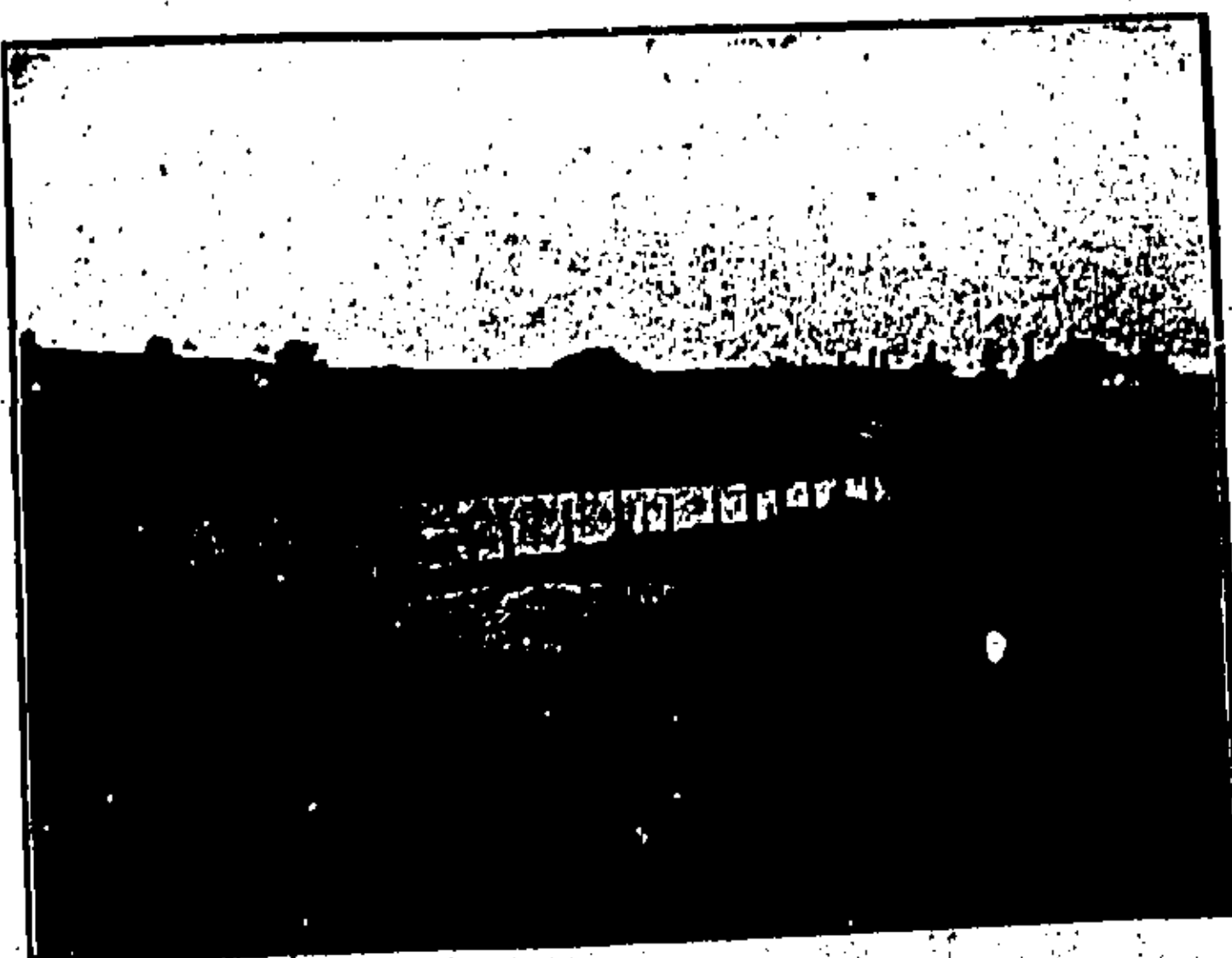
"CATHRYN," noted American classical and acrobatic danseuse, who will appear during each performance at the Queen's Theatre for one week commencing to-morrow.



**WARSHIP IN THE BACKGROUND.**—The Pearl River at Canton, off Shameen, where the Canton v. Hong Kong regatta was held last Saturday.—(Ah Fong).



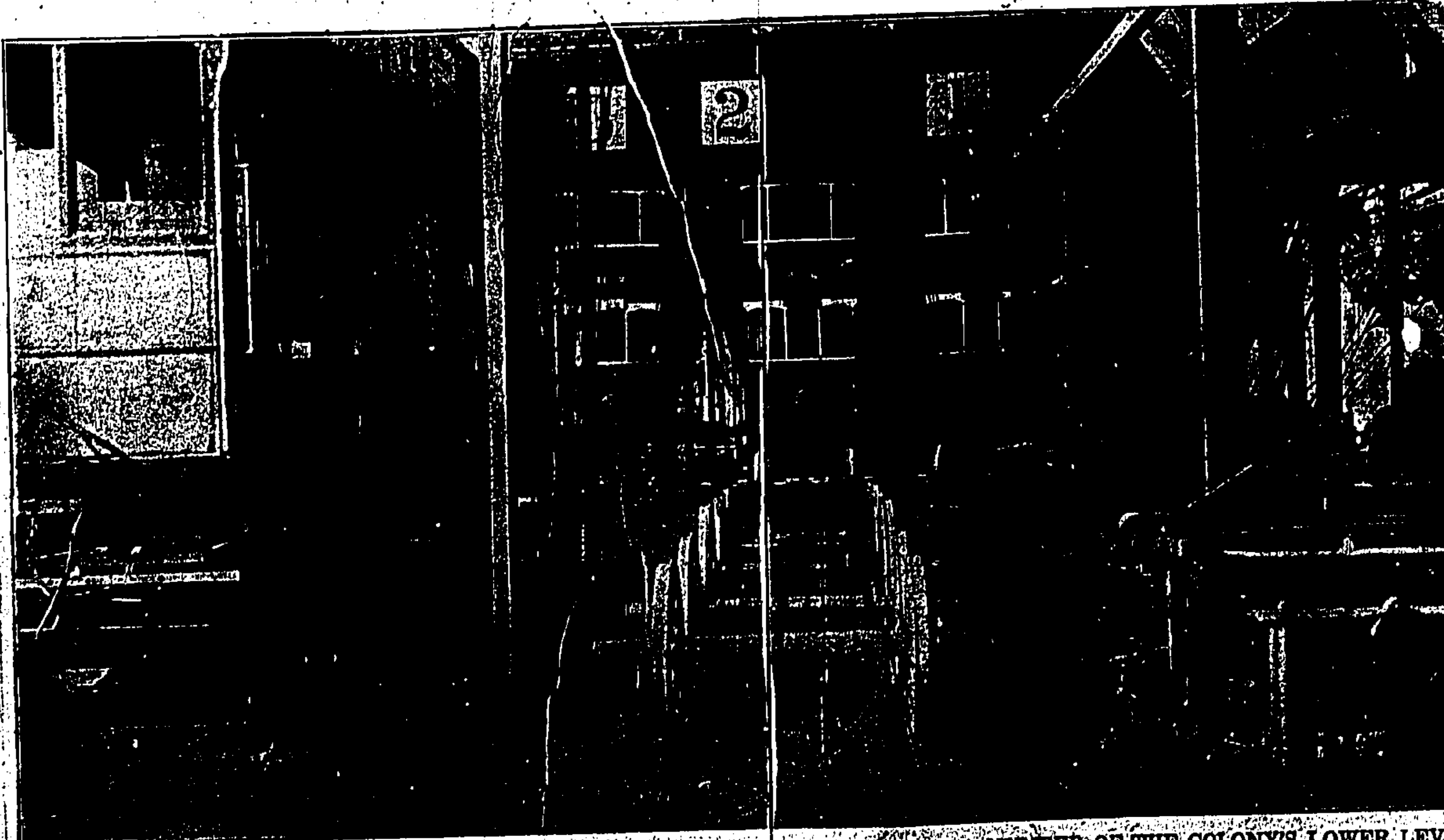
**REGATTA AT CANTON.**—One of the pairs races in the regatta at Canton, in which the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club defeated the Canton Rowing Club by five events to three last Saturday.—(Ah Fong).



**ON THE WAY TO NANNING.**—Dr. Cannon's launch gives a tow to a native craft. The vessel is loaded with cargo, it will be observed. Picture taken soon after leaving Lungchow.—(Strict copyright).



"CATHRYN," the talented American danseuse, who will appear during each performance next week at the Queen's Theatre.



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# THE "MAIL'S" FASHIONS ILLUSTRATED.

## Sports Clothes Are Gay in Colour



The sports clothes that ushered in the first brisk days of autumn are still in vogue for all sorts of purposes in the winter wardrobe. There is a decided place for informal costumes and they are especially effective in the knitted weaves and jerseys.

The sweater suits that are so young in line also exert a strong appeal to youth in the gay colours that fashion them. Dashing shades of red, orange, yellow and blue brighten and lighten the greys, browns, tans, greys, navy blues and blacks with which they are combined.

There is no more effective outfit for the winter season than the sweater costumes which come in two and three pieces. Skirts have no particular cut to distinguish them. They may be severely simple with not even a pleat or tuck to trim them, or on the other hand they may possess an entirely pleated effect. In other instances the pleats are large and extend over the front only.

The blouses or sweaters achieve the most novel results. Jersey blouses are quite the vogue and in many cases they reverse the order of things by buttoning in the back. In that case buttons or tucks or odd trimming live on the front. The blouses may fit snugly at the hips or they may hang loosely.

Designs in the sweaters are both colourful and unique. All sorts of geometric patterns and modernistic designs are in vogue. Farm-yard animals as well as flower patterns, stripes and triangles are worked in with stunning results. They may be woven right into the

fabric or they may be applied or worked in worsted. All sorts of odd effects, too, are obtained by tucking of an unusual design.

The cardigan is again an accepted addition of chic. It adds much to the appearance and is a delightful part of a three-piece ensemble. Frequently the cardigan also serves to accentuate the dominating colour. When a one-toned skirt is used the sweater is apt to be vividly coloured in various tones and the cardigan supplies the plain coloured note of the skirt. In other instances the cardigan is gaily patterned and skirt and jumper are of a single tone.

The woollen scarf also adds a new note to the ensemble. It has taken the place of the silk triangle in fall modes and is extremely smart.

Thelma Todd possesses many charming sports outfits and has chosen an unusually chic ensemble to wear in First National's "The Haunted House." This costume is in King blue and navy, the blouse being severely simple except for stitched discs of the navy blue on the sleeves and on the ends of the fetching scarf of King blue. A pleated skirt and belt of the deeper shade complete a decidedly becoming sports appearance.

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## HATS FOLLOW THEIR OWN LINES TO MAINTAIN CHIC

The Snug Turban That Defies Winter Winds Matches Its Smartness Against the Wider Brimmed Hats Which Dip Unevenly and Becomingly About the Face.



There are so many roads to chic as far as hats are concerned that they may be said to follow their own lines. Draped effects, skull-cap lines, wider brimmed models, hats turned up from the face, these are but a few of the styles which go so far towards establishing an air of individuality to the hats of the winter season.

The fall and winter turban assumes many smart guises. Its chief appeal, of course, is its snug-fitting quality. It may have a draped effect or may be severely plain. One of the most novel of the new turbans is the one in various colours of tightly crocheted wool and metal threads that snugly outlines the face and creates style in its variegated colours.

Another turban of real charm and distinction is the one that lifts high over one eye. It is matched for style with the snug turban that reveals one eye and also leaves one ear tab for effectiveness. Loops and ends of felt also form smart trimming on the snug turbans when they decorate but one side of the hat.

The glittering turbans that are worn for evening of course are but types of skull-caps which possess longer sides. They are decidedly

smart and are excellently combined with the glittering sequin cock-tail jackets now so much in vogue.

The hat with a brim, however, is not being neglected this season. The brim may be a very tiny one, but it possesses infinite chic. Under the droop of this tiny brim there will often appear a feather fancy that slants a delightful line downward on one side. In other cases the brim does unusual things when its line is lifted well above the eyebrows and is then brought low in two points at the sides. Another odd brim treatment is to upturn the brim in front and fit it snugly at the ears in two tab effects. Other models present a lopsided appearance with the brim short on one side and extremely long at the other.

On the other hand, the hat may right about face from its accustomed appearance and may put the wider brim in the back and have but a narrow brim in front. These hats, severely simple, delight in the wider grosgrain ribbon bands that accentuate their newness.

The hat with a brim that foretells a poke influence is very new and in most cases is very becoming. This of course departs from the oldtime poke in the low crown and the line in front that is very short. Hats which are new and appealing with brims are those that turn up a bit in front and have brims to the side. These may be wing-like in effect or poke, as the wearer chooses.

Hats which rise above bandeaux

are still smart and accentuate the novelty of the winter millinery season. These off-the-face models while extremely smart are difficult to wear and while they promote chic they should be carefully selected, as only a few types can becomingly wear them.

Felts, as usual, dominate the mode. The two sides of the felt are often cleverly manipulated in one hat. Velvets and lames and satins are of course used with excellent results, but the felt manages to impart its accustomed style.

Billie Dove, in First National's "The Night Watch," wears what is known in Hollywood as a coiffure hat that is snug fitting and gives the appearance of being the hair, newly dressed. They are designed to match the colour of the hair. They are frequently made of net edged with felt or with georgette or satin that fits snugly, turban wise. Miss Dove has chosen to match the satin coat she wears with a snug turban in new lines and giving novel head treatment.

### Perfect Posture



Miss Cynthia Walker, a Barnard College Junior, who won a statue of "Winged Victory" because of her perfect posture. Nine hours of sleep nightly, a ban on sweets and liquor, and plenty of outdoor sports are preferred by her.

## "Peg Top" Skirt



This is a Dreco model in the smart "peg top" style. It is a heavy prune-coloured velvet creation, with "folded-over" effect as to skirt, and a cut-out back.

### MARRIAGE—OR ART ARRESTED CAREERS OF WOMEN PAINTERS

"Temperamental"  
"So you're not afraid of new movements in art?"

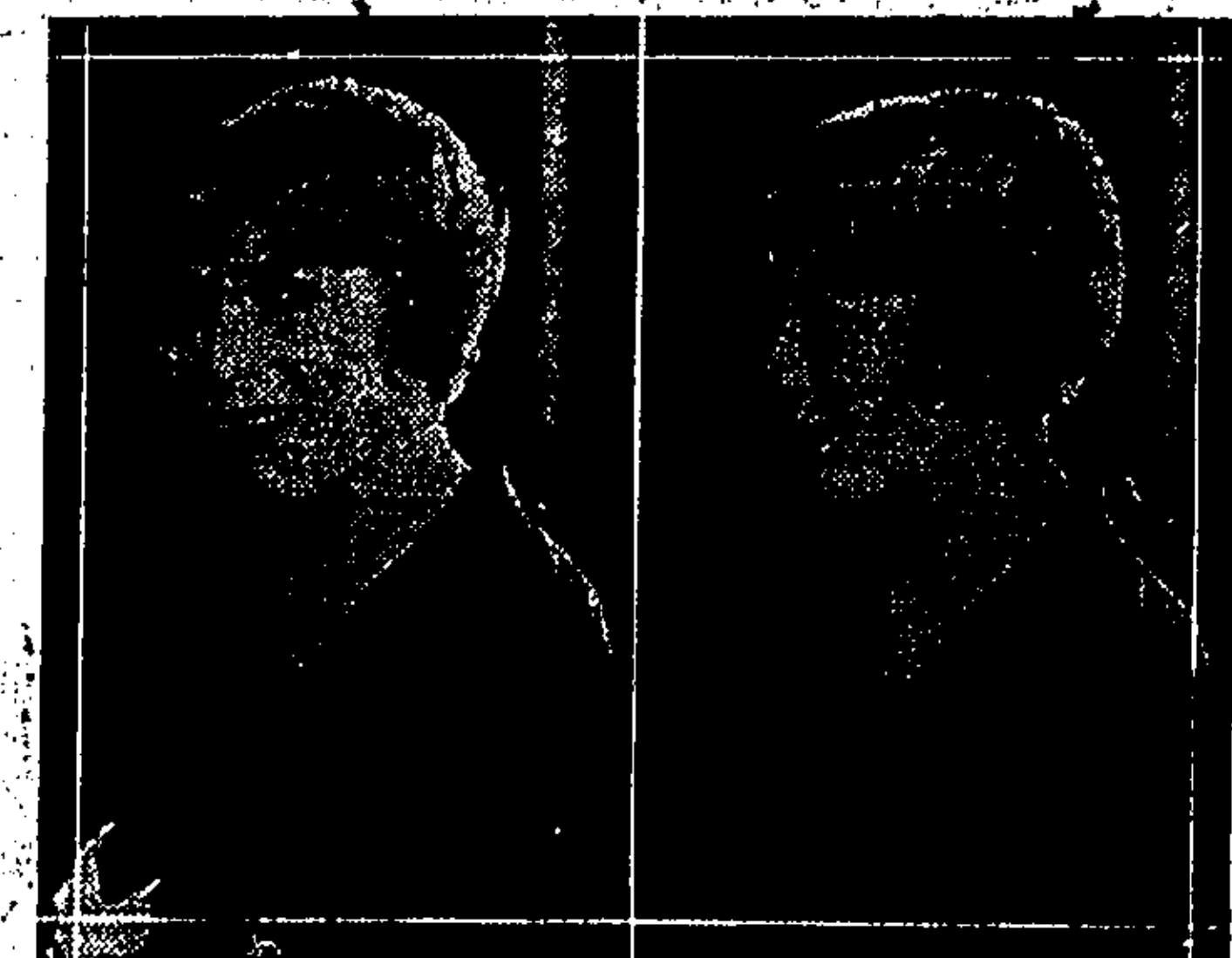
Sir William Llewellyn, who by the votes of R.A.s has been declared President of the Royal Academy in immediate succession to Sir Frank

"The women have their own societies apart from belonging to the men's societies. That is an extra advantage. A great many of the prizes in the schools, too, are taken by the women.

"A woman, however, does not go as far as a man as a rule. There are social affairs and marriage which often interfere with her career.

Imagination Equal to Men's  
"There might perhaps be some physical or temperamental reason as

### Mary in Her New Bob



Two views of Mary Pickford's new bob. At present she is rehearsing for her first talking picture, "Coquette."

Dicksee, and following men like Reynolds, Lawrence, Leighton and Milais, smiled (writes an "Evening Standard" representative) as he pondered the question.

"Far from it," he said. "Unless movements took place there could be no advance at all in art of any denomination. You could not always go on expressing things in the same way. All such efforts are summed up in one aim—to find the best of the new.

Talent Among Women  
"Women artists of to-day are very much better than they were years ago. More women take up art now. They have very many more advantages. There is some very promising talent among them.

well. I certainly think women have the imagination of men. I do not see why they should not go as far as men in the course of time—say, two or three generations hence.

"Art to-day is very different from what it was twenty years ago. They are experimenting more now. They go in more for line and colour than the students of any other day. The tendency is to break new ground."

Sir William, referring to a discussion in Paris on the merits of the artists of different nations, said—

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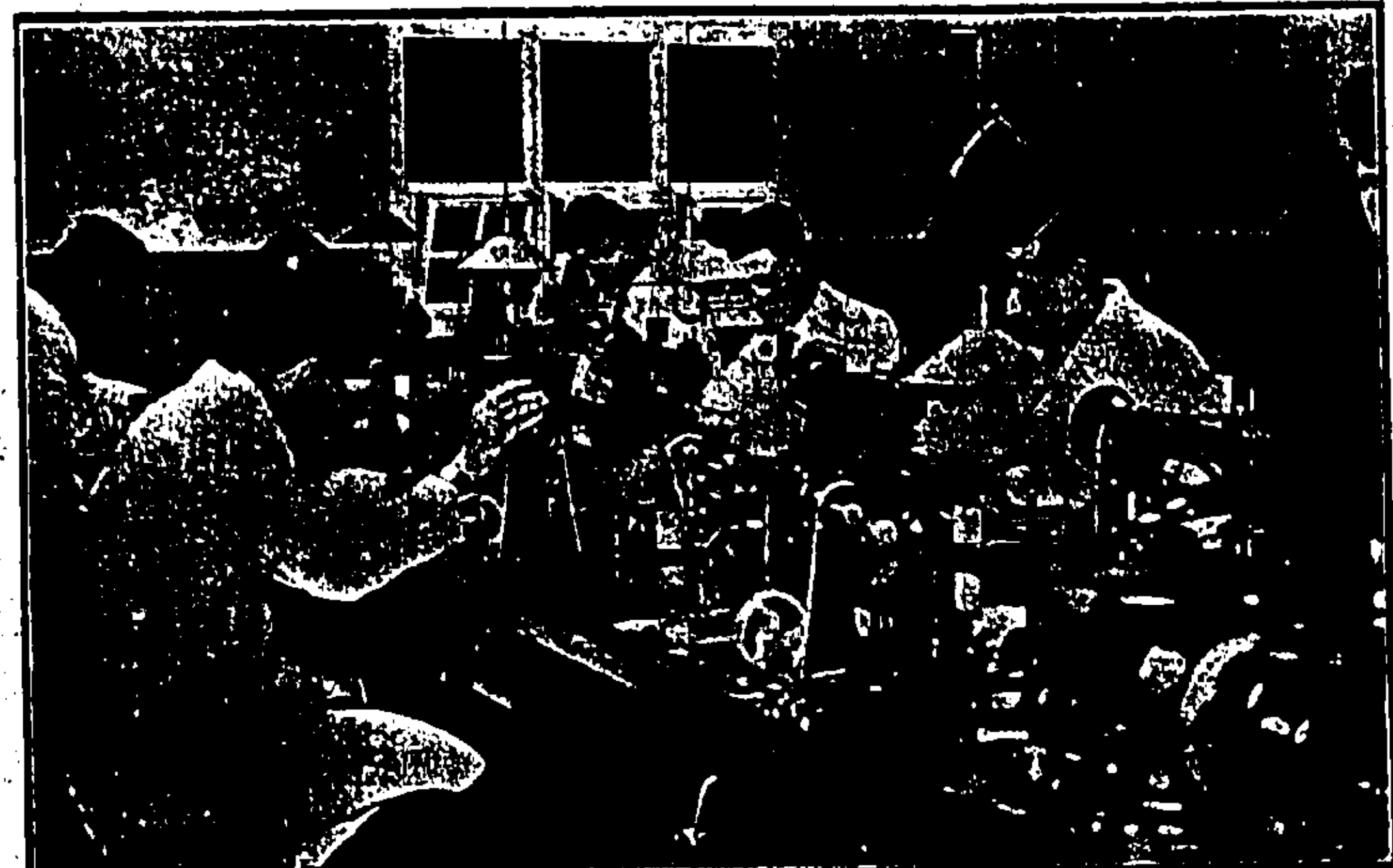
**LORD LONSDALE, THE POPULAR SPORTING PEER, WITH SOME OF THE ARTISTES.**—At the official opening of Mr. Bertram W. Mills' famous Christmas circus at Olympia, London, which was attended by many well-known personalities.—(Sport and General).



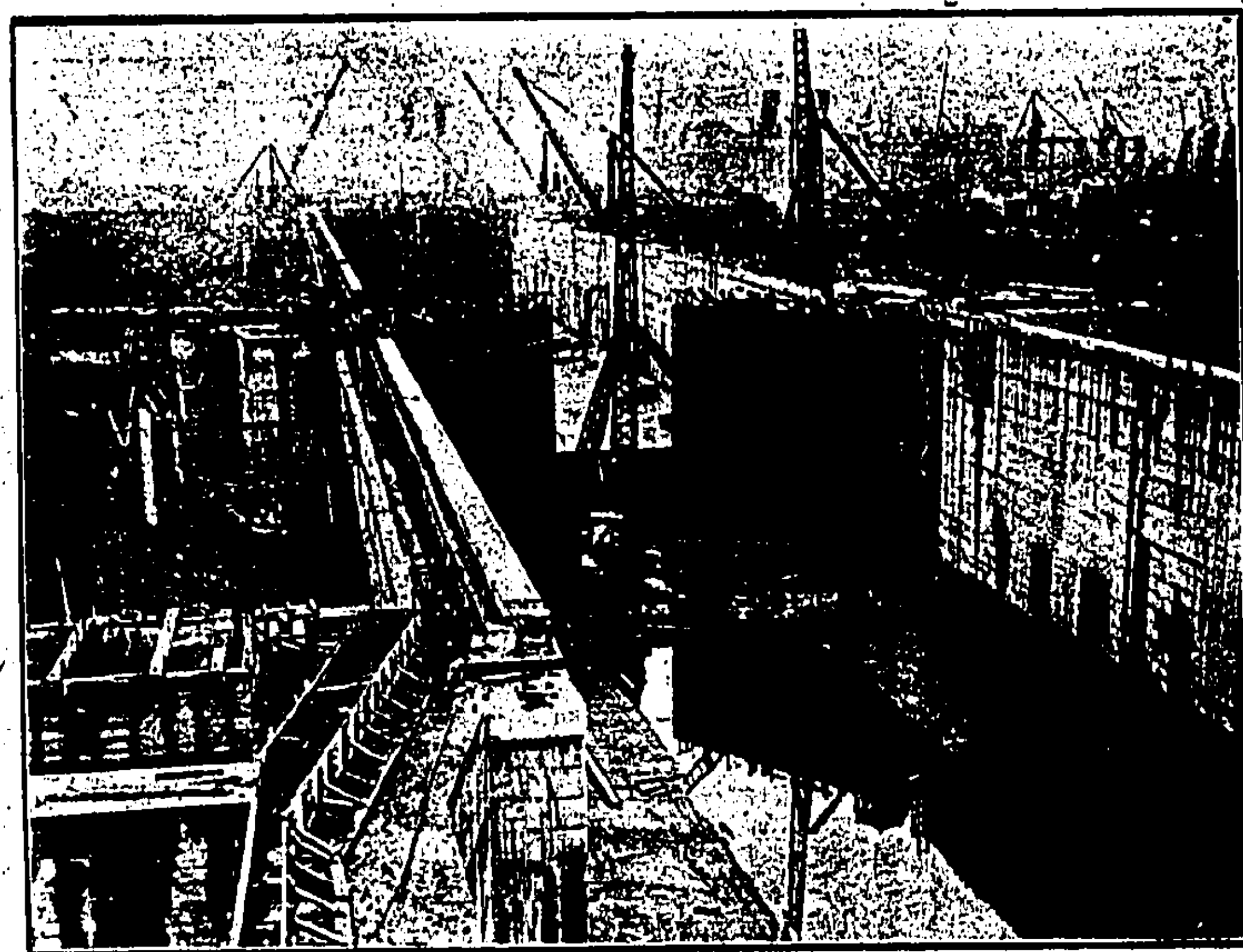
**PRETTY HUNTING SCENE, A CHILDREN'S MEET.**—Miss Robin Waters, aged 13, step-daughter of the Master of the Wyle Valley Foxhounds, had a meet at the kennels, Tytherington, Wiltshire, on Dec. 27, with her little pack of draghounds. Only children were allowed to ride, and during the run a live fox was encountered which caused great enthusiasm among the small followers. This general view of the Meet shows a very old tree in the background.—(Sport and General).



**THE QUEEN'S SPECIAL PROTEGEE.**—H.M. Queen Mary has adopted as her special protegee at the Princess Mary Village Home, Addlestone, Surrey, a little six-years-old girl whose surname is a secret, and who will be generally known as "Ivy," who is seen above. Her predecessor is now working.—(Sport and General).



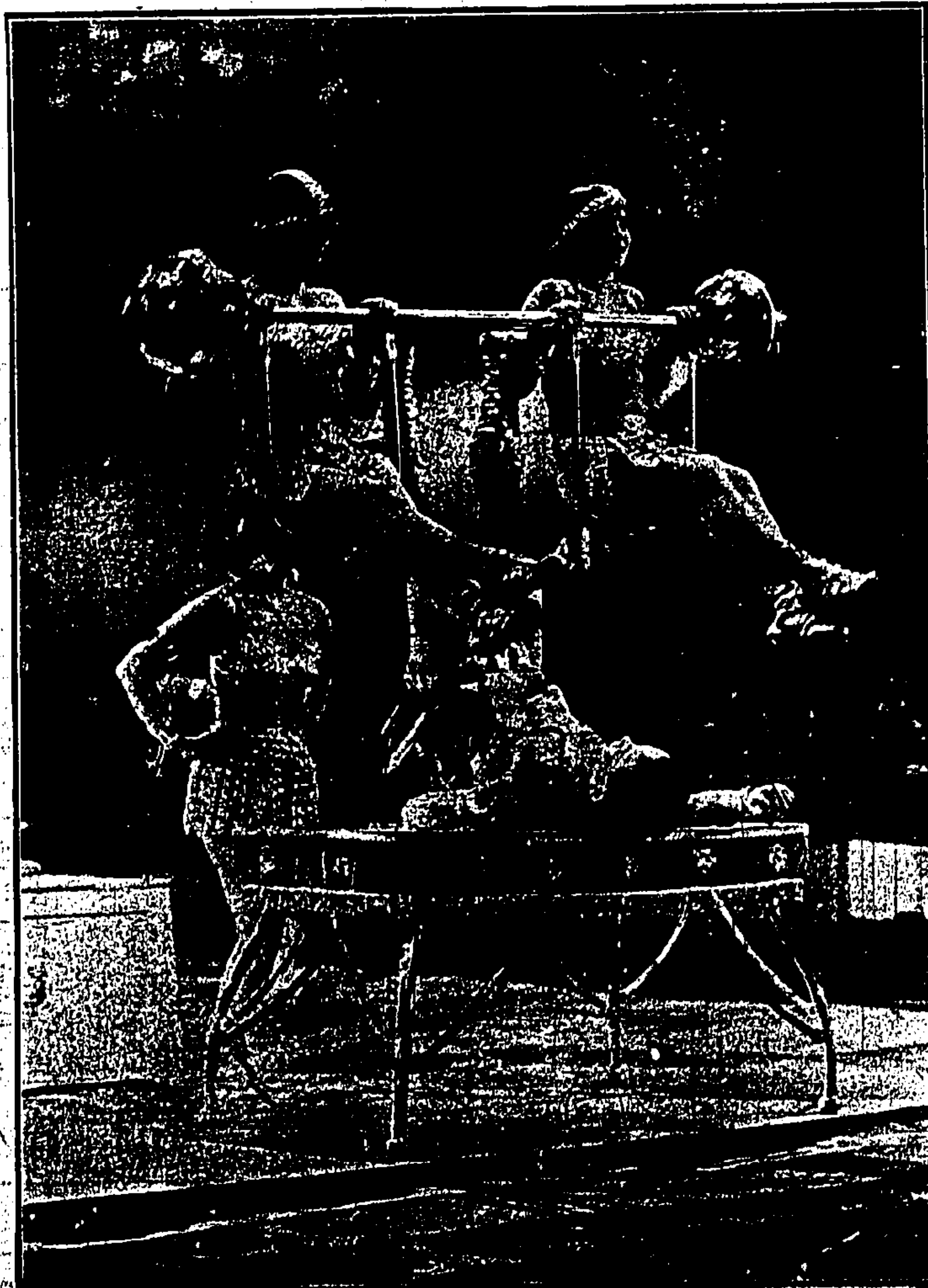
**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL INSTRUCTIONAL FACTORY.**—The technical School of boot and shoe manufacture, at Rusden, opened by Lord Eustace Percy, President of the Board of Education. Workmen in the trade can attend the factory and be taught the whole method of boot and shoe making under expert instructors, thus enabling them to obtain higher positions. The school has up-to-date machinery lent by the British United Shoe Machinery Co., Ltd. Here students are seen at work in the closing room, stitching the uppers.—(Sport and General).



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**EVE'S FINE ACTION.**—A fine follow through, showing the suppleness of Miss Fieldhouse, driving from the 18th tee, at Walton Heath, Surrey, in competitive play. Can Hong Kong equal this?—(Sport and General).

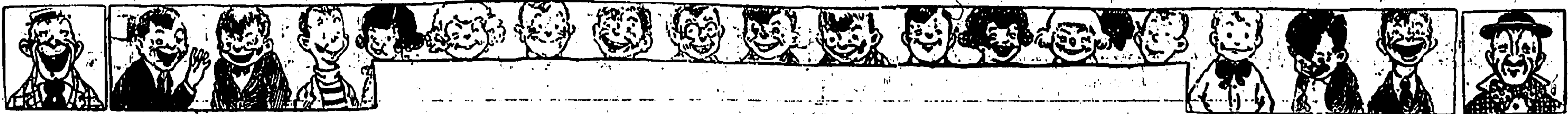


**OFFICIAL OPENING OF MR. BERTRAM W. MILLS' FAMOUS CHRISTMAS CIRCUS AT OLYMPIA, LONDON.**—MANY WELL-KNOWN PERSONALITIES WERE PRESENT.—A clever item in the programme was this acrobatic display by a troupe of pretty girls.—(Sport and General).



**QUAINT OLD LONDON SHOP IN A CHURCH PORCH.**—The City Corporation discussion on the proposed demolition of the ancient shops outside the old Church of St. Ethelburga, Bishopsgate, has met with disapproval from several Corporation members. The proposal was to pull down the shops and so add an extra three feet to the footway. The shops are seen here. They have been landmarks for many years.—(Sport and General).



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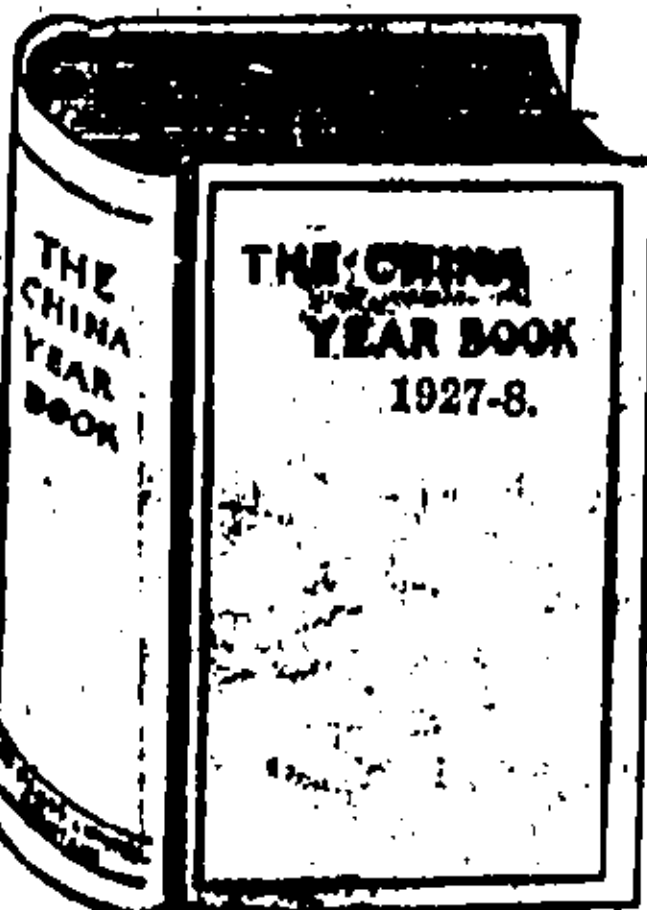
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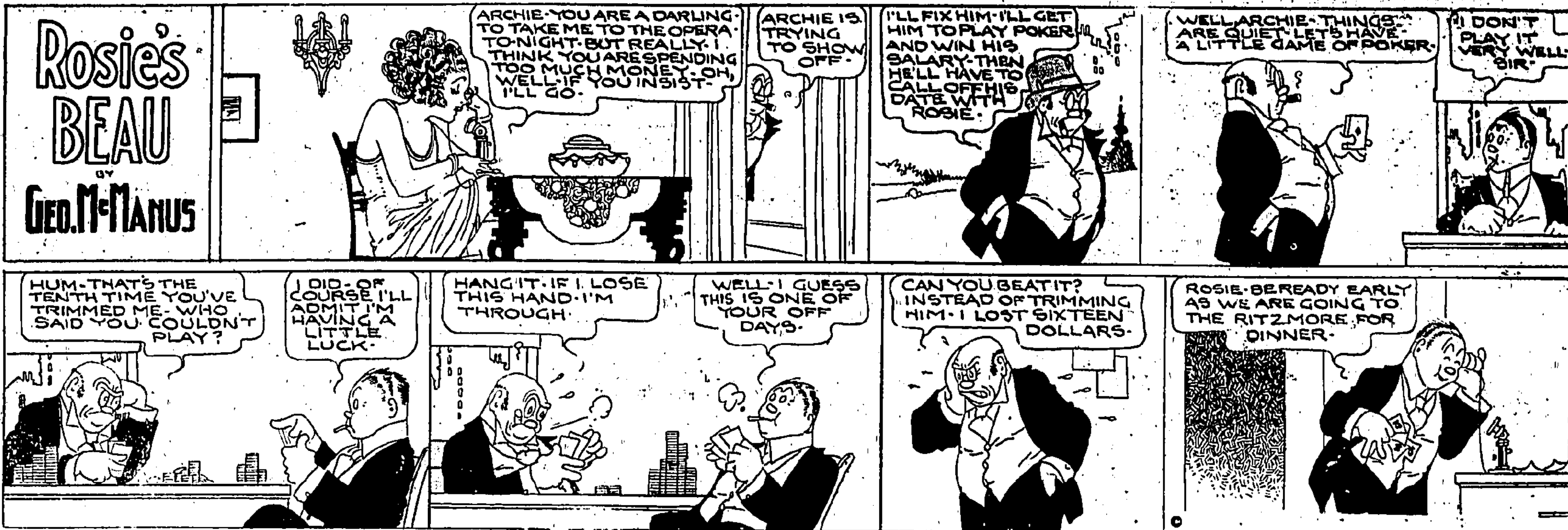
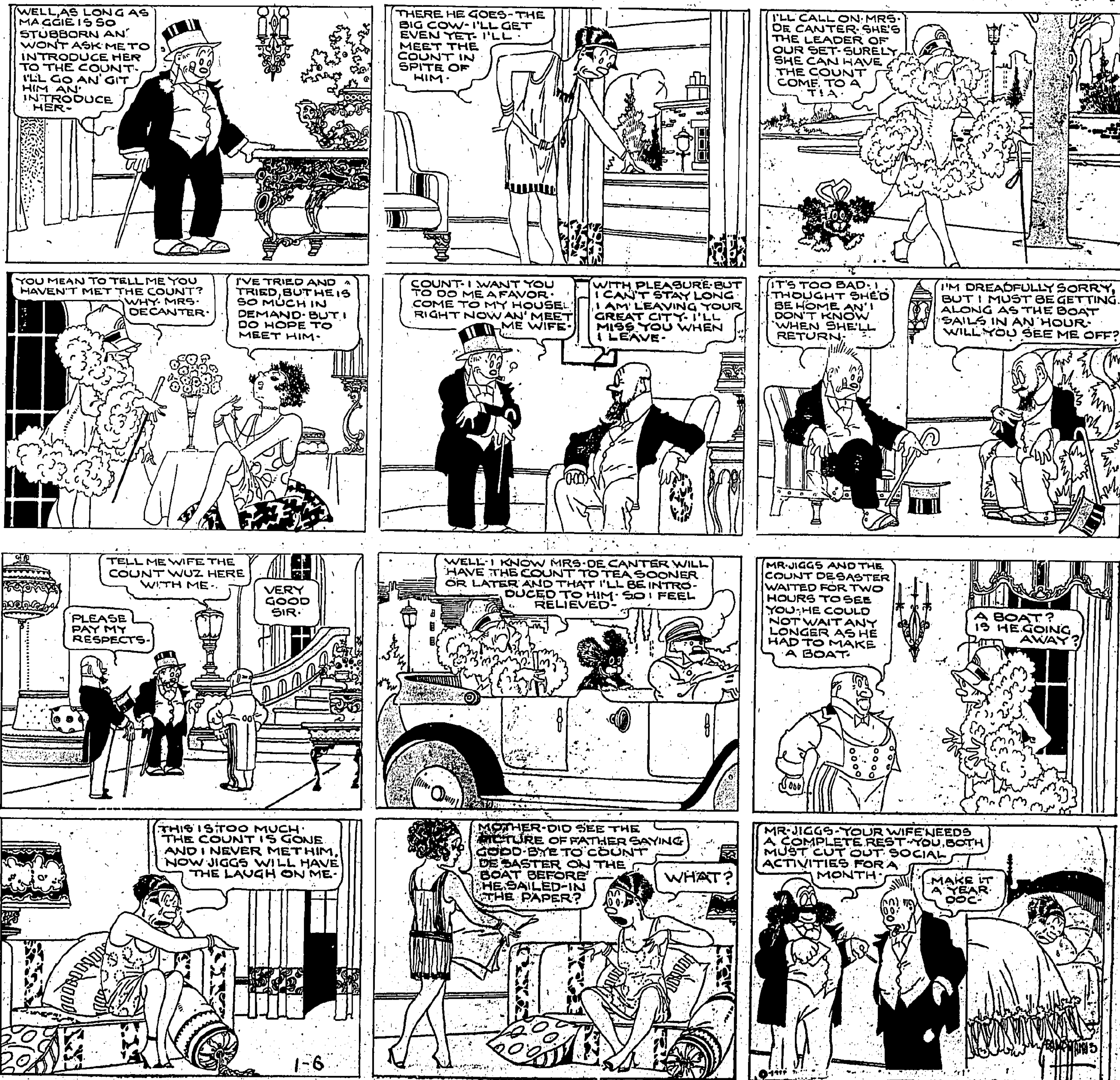
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There is an explanation, too, of what is certainly the fact, that a story embodying a fine principle touches us in a way which can never be approached by the mere statement of the principle itself. The explanation is this: that what we see always impresses us more than what we hear; and, when we hear a good story, we are really not hearing, we are seeing the actors in the story.

During the war, and indeed during the darkest days of the war, I heard a fine story which, after this blessed interval of time, may be recalled without doing harm in any quarter. It is a story which might be used to illustrate that great proverb or promise, "Cast thy bread upon the waters, and thou shalt find it after many days."

There is, it is true, a way of repeating those words to ourselves or to one another which would make of them merely one of those proverbs which counsel prudence and caution in this world. For the words have the form of a proverb; and proverbs are always sententious and wise. And so it happens that the best proverbs have gained currency in small countries and in countries which, so to speak, had a hard childhood and youth. Small or threatened countries have always had to live largely by their wits; and sometimes even their wits failed them, whereupon they had to live by their faith. They had to believe in God or die of a broken heart. Illustrations will occur. Israel, Serbia, Scotland, are examples of small countries rich in proverbs. Russia also became rich in proverbs not because she was small but because—poor Russia!—she had a hard career. And all of these in their great days, when even their wits and the wisdom of their proverbs failed, fell back upon God; so that there are certain words concerning the unseen world, concerning the final understanding of things, which were borne into the soul of man, in Israel, and in Russia, and here amongst ourselves.

What a man is saying who quotes the proverb about casting bread upon the waters is nothing mean and self-regarding. Generously interpreted he is saying a great thing. He is declaring that we live in a world where fine things have fine consequences; that "no good begun shall ever pause for death"; that fine things, generous deeds, magnanimous courses do not pass into nothingness with the transaction; that they go out, like messengers of God, into the world, and gather to themselves their like, and become in course of time centres and masses of a fine reaction, even though, it may be, the bodies of those who sowed the good seed have lain for ages in the dust. The saying simply means that this world is at heart sound, and that any apparent exception is something which, give God time, will be put right, and that His own control of things will one day be publicly vindicated.

I recall an illustration from history of the reverse side of this principle, that if we cast our bread upon the water it will return to us. You have the record in Xenophon's Hellenica, in which we read that after the battle of Egospotami, in which the Athenian fleet was destroyed and Athens lay unprotected before an enemy which could only be a ruthless one, the news ran like a wall along the walls from the Piræus to the city; and all that night no one slept; and this, Xenophon tells us, not merely for fear of the terrors that were come upon them, but in shame also, because of their own behaviour towards the inhabitants of Egina, Melos, and Scione!

There, that is to say, was the inveterate, unquenchable feeling in the heart of an entire people, that we live in a moral world, where things provoke a response, each response contributing to, and helping to bring on, the public manifestation of the final rectitude of this world.

On its bright side this indeed is faith. It is the Christian faith.

There are, it is true, certain purely lamentable pages in human history; there are certain lamentable incidents in human behaviour. There are illustrations of neglect of kindness, of heart, of illustrations of how men may remain untouched and unkind under the appeal of patient goodness. But there are other ones. There are fine stories belonging to the

human race. There were hearts which did not remain hard and untouched. There are hearts that have been broken, melted, changed, under the mild rebuke and invitation of patient goodness. Fine things do happen in this world on the small scale in individual lives, and on the large scale in human history; and, once again, give God time, and, for myself, I have no manner of doubt that every good and kind thing that has been done in this world by a man or by a nation is alive to-day, working with other fine and good things, like battalions and armies of the hosts of God, and that the result will one day be manifest to all men.

If every evil thing we do skulks out into the darkness and there meets other evil things, and if they all combine into dark legions of evil—surely not less is true of the good and the fine things! They also go out; they also meet other good and fine things; they also plan and combine and await their opportunity. And it simply announces what kind of persons we are, whether we allow ourselves ultimately to be disheartened because of the evil that is in the world, or maintain a great confidence knowing the good.

For this also is a definition of faith: faith is believing in the finer interpretation; faith is confidence that the best is the truth.

In 1872—and here I approach my story—there were the beginnings and the first mutterings of a great rebellion in Canada, which had it been allowed to acquire head and volume, might have ended in the disruption of Canada from the British Commonwealth. But by the goodness of God there was wisdom in the heart of our counsellors. Lord Durham was dispatched to inquire on the spot—like Ezekiel when he went to Mesopotamia, and sat where the poor captives sat, and only then, knowing what they felt, allowed himself to speak. Lord Durham went to Canada. There he met, man to man, those who were troubled and on edge. He returned and announced his policy, which was in effect: "The only way you can hold these adult men to their allegiance is by trusting them absolutely with the government of their country! You cannot expect to have grown men satisfied for ever with the restrictions and limitations which are suitable enough for children. Say to them that the better they do for themselves the better they will do for us; that the greater and the freer they become the more worthy sons will they be of a country whose very greatness is its freedom."

Forty-two years passed and war broke out in which we might have lost our place. What happened? Where were they then who in those days lifted up their hands in horror over an experiment in human freedom?

Some twenty odd years ago a great war, according to the measurements of those days, came to a close between us and another portion of what to-day is the British Commonwealth. Dutch and British had striven against one another with equal bravery and determination for three long years. At length a peace was signed, and after peace an interval of readjustment. Then it was given to one of our own countrymen, who at the moment was the King's first Minister, falling back upon the precedent of 1872, to declare to those divergent peoples in South Africa that Great Britain asked nothing of those who belonged to her confederation except that they advance in manhood and in freedom; that we had no desire merely to drive a chariot through this world with peoples chained to our axle; that our ideal of empire was a home, where our children, no longer children, scattered over the face of the earth, would always think lovingly of the homeland, and refresh themselves with the memory of old days, and return from time to time, bronzed and vigorous men, to see us in the old place, and to help us, it might be, in some hour of need.

Well, fifty-six years in the case of Canada, twenty-seven in the case of South Africa, had passed, and this little country found herself compelling in honour to stand up to the greatest military combination which this world, that has seen many sad sights, had ever seen. In the day of her grave and reluctant decision, "to unsheathe the sword," and face, with every kind of dark possibility, what could she do? But in that day she was not alone. She had her children! Even now one cannot trust oneself to tell the story. In Canada, in South Africa, in Australia, in New Zealand, in India, a new look came into the eyes of millions of men.

Suddenly life for them had only one purpose and concern. They hastened to their various seaboard and took ship. And to-day, in Flanders and France, in Mesopotamia, in Egypt, and in the Holy Land, men lie buried who finally had no reason for their sacrifice but their love! And now for my story.

On May 19, 1918, in the depth of our darkness, there was a great gathering in America. M. Jusserand, Ambassador of France to the United States, rose to speak. A vast audience sat tense with anxiety, and doubtless full of compassion for the gallant nation which M. Jusserand represented. The French Minister began to speak. What he said was in effect something like this: "We meet at a grave hour of our fortunes, so grave that it could not well be graver. Our backs are at the wall. Let me read a message which I have in my hand." Whereupon he read these words: "May I. Our backs are at the wall. Send immediately every available man to our assistance." And he continued: "I cannot add to the force of that appeal. There you have at once our helplessness and our need of you. But stay a moment," said the Frenchman, "let me read this message again. 'May I'—but I see it is not 1918—May 1, 1775. Let me read the message again: 'May 1, 1775. Our backs are at the wall. Send immediately every available man to our assistance.' Signed, George Washington!"

Whereupon, I am told, and I can well believe it, the whole audience was convulsed and broken with grief and joy; but, above all, with thankfulness that it was now in their power, after 140 years, to repay, and to repay in full measure, pressed down, running over, France for the help that she had given to themselves on a day when disaster hung over them.

That is my story. I hold it to be a great story. I hold it to be a good story, a story, that is to say, which corroborates what we want to believe and what we do believe—that this world is sound; that it has a memory; that, yet once again, give God time, and a good deed cannot fail.—British Weekly.

## "ON THE ROAD"

THE COYNE MUSICAL COMPANY

This smart little company at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, were in fine form last evening when they presented "On the Road," a racy sequence of songs and dances which made a most entertaining evening's amusement. The company, although small, is excellent. Two very short sketches were arranged nicely in the programme last evening and these were very well played and very funny.

W. Sidney Burt sustains the load of amusing a Hong Kong audience and he does it very well, and Mr. Fred Coyne co-operates in a skilful manner. Miss Joyce Mason was more than usually prominent last evening and her song and dance items were much appreciated. Miss Paula Lofaine and Miss Joan Carlin contributed some very well chosen musical numbers. Roy Shirley fitted in the necessary openings in a clever manner, and the general arrangement of a big variety programme by a small body of performers was cleverly staged. To-night the Company is repeating "On the Road" and in view of the special nature of the performance, there should be a very large crowd present as the Company is clever and painstaking in its efforts to please.

It is reported that the Wuhan Municipal Council intends issuing a public loan for the purpose of raising the sum of \$3,000,000 to be devoted to the three purposes of removing houses during road widening activities; constructional undertakings and the provision of a motor omnibus service in Hankow. Notes for this loan may be purchased in values of \$1,000, \$100, \$10, \$5 and \$1.

According to a press telegram, a Chinese expedition in Thibet, Sinkiang, has discovered 30 skeletons of dinosaurs and ancient lizards. This is said to be the first such discovery by Chinese scientists.

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## SHADOWS BEFORE.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL"

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "The Battle of the Sexes."  
To-day—Star Theatre: "The Law of The Range."  
To-day—World Theatre: "High School Hero."

To-day—Star Theatre: Fred Coyne's Musical Comedy Company, presents "On The Road," 9.15 p.m.  
To-day—Majesty Theatre: "Men of Steel."

Jan. 27—28—Queen's Theatre: "Service For Ladies."  
Jan. 27—28—World Theatre: "The Law of The Range."

Jan. 27—Star Theatre: Children's Matinee, "High School Hero," 2.30 p.m.  
Jan. 27—28—Star Theatre: "High School Hero."

Jan. 27—28—Star Theatre: Fred Coyne's Musical Comedy Company presents "Something Doing," 9.15 p.m.  
Jan. 29—Star Theatre: Farewell performance of Fred Coyne's Musical Comedy Company, 9.15 p.m.

Jan. 29—30—Queen's Theatre: "Body and Soul."  
Jan. 29—30—World Theatre: "The Unholy Three."

Jan. 29—30—Star Theatre: "New Lives For Old."  
Jan. 31—Feb. 1—World Theatre: "New Lives For Old."

Jan. 31—Feb. 1—2—Star Theatre: "Why Worry."  
Jan. 31—Feb. 2—Queen's Theatre: "Hangman's House."

Feb. 2—Reprise Bay Hotel Carnival.  
Feb. 2—3—World Theatre: "Why Worry."

Feb. 2—3—Star Theatre: "Seventh Heaven."  
Feb. 16—Variety entertainment by the K.O.S.B. as farewell to Mrs. Luard, Theatre Royal, 9 p.m.

Feb. 19, 21, 22, 23—Hong Kong Amateur Dramatic Club presents "On Approval," at the Theatre Royal.

Land Sale  
Jan. 28—At F.W.D. Offices, two lots of Crown land at Mong Kok Tsui, 3 p.m.

Lammerts' Auctions  
Jan. 31—At No. 5B, Armend Bldg., Kimberley-rd., Kowloon, household furniture, 11 a.m.

Jan. 31—At Sales Room, Duddell-st., a valuable collection of curios, 2.30 p.m.

Sports  
To-day—Queen's College sports at Causeway Bay.

Jan. 27—Macao International Race Club meeting.

Jan. 27—Cross-country scramble, meet at Race Course, 10.30 a.m.  
Feb. 2—Gymkhana of 2nd Batta. King's Own Scottish Borderers, at Kwantli.

Feb. 9-10—Paper chase, etc., at Canton by invitation of members of Canton Ride.

Feb. 16—China New Year steplechase meeting of Fanling Hunt, at Kwantli race course.  
Feb. 25, 26, 27 & Mar. 2—Hong Kong Jockey Club Annual Race Meeting.

Jan. 26—Closing of entries for Annual Race Meeting, 3 p.m.

Meetings  
Jan. 29—Annual meeting of Officer Mess. (H.K.V.C.C.), 5.45 p.m.

Jan. 29—Annual meeting of Hong Kong Automobile Assn., Messrs. Jardine's board room, 5.30 p.m.

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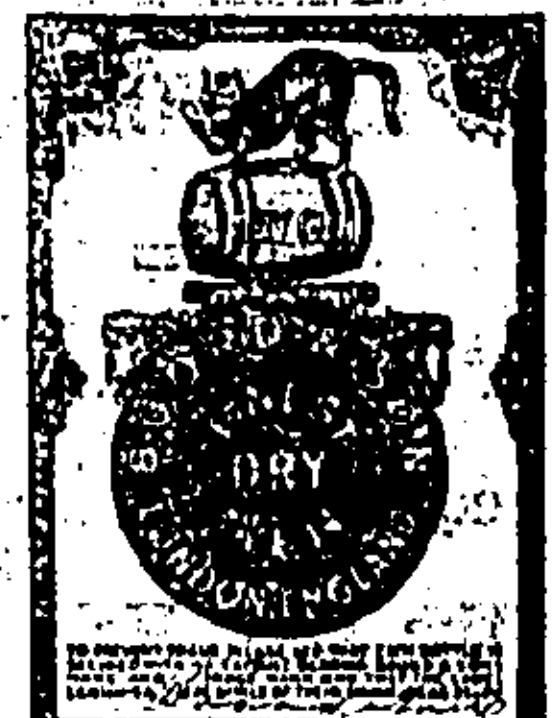
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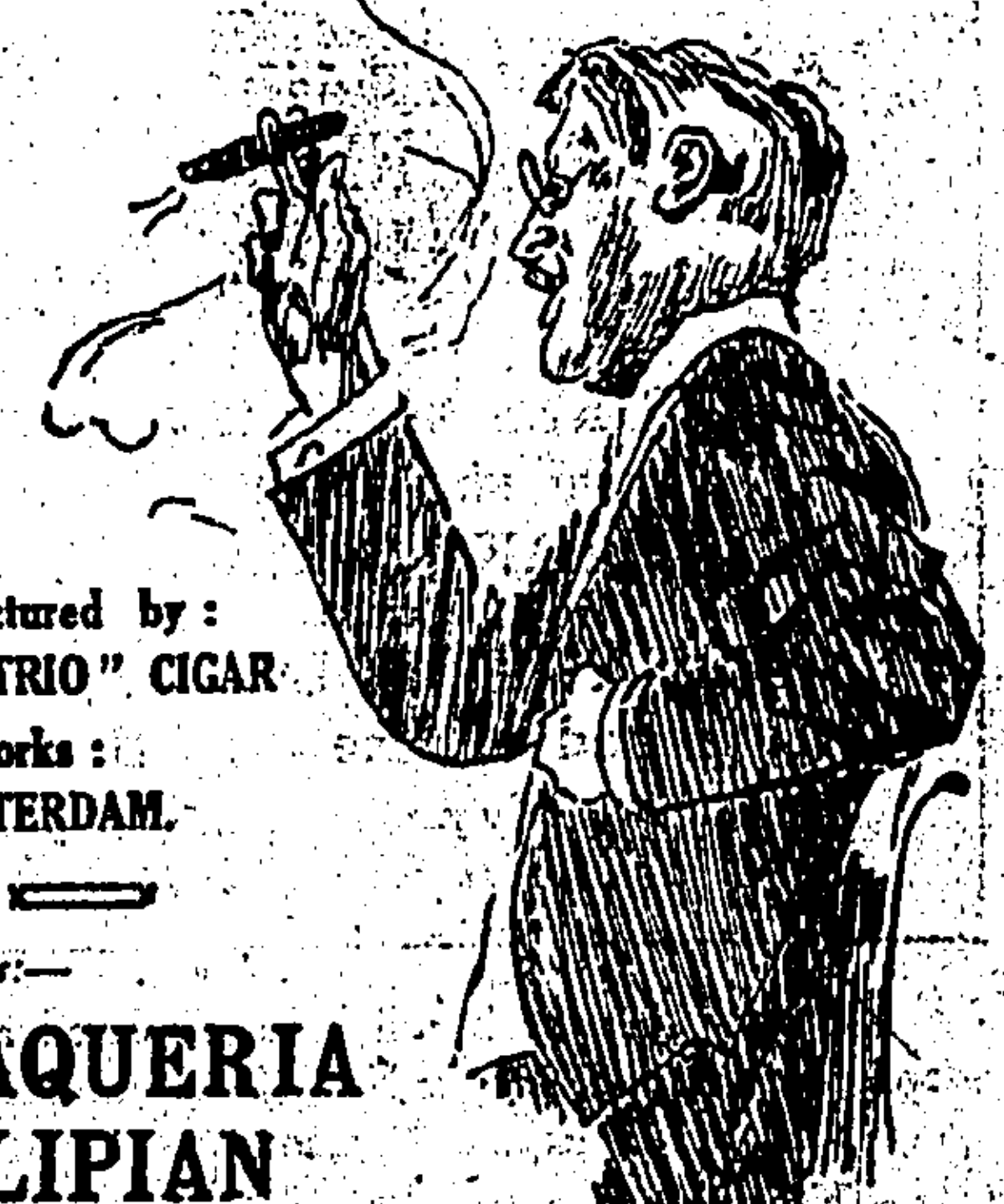


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1.48 p.m.—Weather Report.  
5.30 to 6.30 p.m.—Demonstration Programme.

7.48 p.m.—Evening Weather Report.

8 p.m.—Evening Programme (Columbia Records).

"The Bohemian Girl," Overture.

Percy Pitt and the B.B.C. Wireless Symphony Orchestra.

"Red Devon By The Sea,"

"My Message,"

Tenor. Hubert Elsdell.

"Haddon Hall," Selection.

Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.

"Little Nellie Kelly," Selection.

Herman Fink and his Orchestra.

8.30 p.m.—Dance Music relayed from the ball room of the Peninsula Hotel.

10 p.m.—News Bulletin.

10.10 p.m.—Dance Music from the Peninsula Hotel.

10.30 p.m.—God Save The King. Close Down.

## A "WHITE" MAN

## "GETTASOM" SING CASHES IN

Gettasom Sing is dead in Quesnel. They have buried him there, where the little town looks down from its cottonwood bluffs upon the swift-flowing river, and the yellow tide of Fraser breaks in a white water against the gravel bars. It is always the white water above the yellow in the Fraser, where it foams along the canyon walls; and it will do for a symbol in the life and death of Gettasom Sing. For, as they will tell you in Quesnel, Gettasom Sing, who was a yellow man and a heathen Chinese, was all white inside.

Quesnel is in the very heart of the old Cariboo placer country, and it used to mean something in the code of those parts, to say that a man was a white man. It must mean something still, thereabouts, we should suppose. We must also suppose that they had come to know Gettasom Sing thereabouts, by the time they came to bury him in Quesnel. He had been there nearly fifty years, and had been a placer miner himself in his younger days. But the children of Quesnel knew Gettasom Sing as the smiling, seam-faced old Chinaman, who carried water from the river, and split wood for the cabin stoves.

It seems that the children of Quesnel were fond of old Gettasom Sing. He mixed his pidgin English with Chinook, and that is the sort of mixture that children take to kindly, and understand better than their elders. They would understand why it was right that he should be called Gettasom, meaning "getta some," the invariable formula of his conversational openings. He was always getting something for somebody, it appears—doing something by way of aid and comfort to somebody else—this seam-faced old Pagan, who liked his rum ration, and was hower of wood and drawer of water to Quesnel.

They must have been very sure in Quesnel that they were not mistaken about Gettasom Sing, when they turned out to honour him in his death. The member of Parliament for that riding was a palibearer, and so was the president of the local Board of Trade, and the bank manager, and the lawyer who practises in that wide countryside. We like to think of how it was that Quesnel turned out to pay its last respects to the name and memory of Gettasom Sing.

He was only a poor old Chinaman, who had never known much that was not hard labour. But he made no covenant with despair or meanness or unkindness, and Quesnel had the idea about him that he was white inside. So Quesnel—abating no measure of its uncompromising creed about Oriental exclusion, like enough—buried Gettasom Sing where the little camp in the Cariboo looks down from its bluffs upon the white water and the yellow of the Fraser. And we think that Quesnel did right by Gettasom Sing, and honoured itself in its honour of him.

Quesnel, Nov. 27.—A pathetic incident in connection with the life and death of old Gettasom Sing, water-carrier and handyman of Quesnel, was revealed there when his effects were being catalogued.

In his little old battered trunk, packed preparatory to his intended departure home, were found a pair of women's boots and two pairs of women's stockings—presumably gifts for his wife—and a fancy jack-knife for his boy.

Arrangements are being made to have these things sent to Sing's home.

## LONDON'S CHURCHES

## ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CLOISTERS TO BE REOPENED

## OLDER THAN THE ABBEY

Pages in London's rich history will be brought to mind when Princess Mary reopens the old cloisters of St. Bartholomew the Great in Smithfield. This is London's oldest church foundation. It dates from early in the twelfth century, when green fields lay open to the sky where now the City's Central Meat Market stands, and "Bart's" Hospital, in its splendid mission of alleviation, keeps pace with growing needs.

This ceremony will mark the final rehabilitation of the church since the suppression of monasteries by Henry VIII. The slow but steady work of restoration has been done in stages, and the cloisters, rescued from their later use as "stabling accommodation," have been restored by Sir Aston Webb, R.A., relates the "Sunday Times."

The present church building is no more than the conventual choir of the old monastic church which Rahere founded in the reign of Henry I., a glorious example of Norman architecture, a century older than the oldest parts of Westminster Abbey.

Mission and Vision  
Its founder's life is of uncommon interest. Rahere was reputed a man of pleasure, with a zest for the gambles and frivolities of Henry's Court. Seriousness and the burden of a solemn mission came upon him later in life, and in the year 1120 he undertook a pilgrimage to Rome. Illness overcame him there, and in his mood of penitence he vowed that if he reached home safely he would found a hospital for the poor. Providence was kind to him. He was restored to health, and on his way home—so at least tradition says—he had a vision in which St. Bartholomew appeared before him and urged him to build a church in the "suburb" which is now Smithfield.

In 1123 Rahere founded church and hospital at the same time. Work was still going on when he died. Prior Thomas, between 1144 and 1174, continued building. Prior Bolton's oriel window in the south wall of the choir, one of the architectural glories of the church, was built about 1517 to 1520. He was the last prior but before the suppression (1539 to 1543). He also rebuilt the prior's house and other monastic buildings.

Enter, King Henry  
Part, at least, of the work of years was soon to be swept away when the last prior, Robert Fuller, surrendered to Henry VIII. In 1539, Nave, chapels on the north side of the choir, and the north transept were destroyed; the south transept was stripped of its lead; the Lady Chapel, and the monastic buildings, the Close and Cloth Fair, as well as the advowson, were sold to Sir Richard Rich. He, in 1556, granted the church and monastic buildings to Queen Mary, who set up here the Dominicans, or Black Friars.

Strange things happened after the suppression. Time and fire and industrial utilities have wrought damage. For years a fringe factory occupied the Lady Chapel; there was a blacksmith's forge in the north transept, and the parish schools in the north triforium. High pews reached nearly to the capitals of the piers, and the whole was covered with whitewash. In the south triforium for many years Nonconformists had a meeting house.

Until 1905 the cloisters, now to be reopened, were "lost." They were occupied as stables, with 77 of earth on the original pavement. In that year the three north bays were recovered and restored. As recently as 1923 five more bays were bought from the stable keepers in order to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the founding of the Priory and Hospital. The cloisters are really only 16th century work. They were rebuilt at that period, the original Norman work being replaced by "modern."

## THREE GOALS AT 70

## BISHOP OF LONDON'S SCORE IN HOCKEY MATCH

After thrilling spectators many times with his lively sprits in a hockey match between teams representing the public schools of Marlborough and Radley, the Bishop of London, who is 70, scored three goals.

He was playing as centre-forward for his old school, Marlborough, in the grounds of Fulham Palace.

The bishop turned out in grey flannel knickerbockers and a cardigan worn over a cricket shirt. His team, which he captained, won by 11 goals to 8.

Entering fully into the excitement of the game he shouted "Come on, Marlborough!" and "Well played, Marlborough!" with the most youthful of his team.

The game was the 28th of an annual series inaugurated by the bishop.

## HIDDEN COMPLEXES

## CONFIDENT MANNER THAT CONCEALS TIMIDITY

## FAILURE HIDDEN

Have you an inferiority complex disguised to look like a superiority one?

Dr. Eugene Fisk, the medical director of the Life Extension Institute of the United States, said to a "Daily Mail" reporter recently:

The most common psychic trouble among men in the United States is the inferiority complex, which afflicts many people who appear to have the superiority complex when in reality it is mere camouflage. A leading West End doctor who specialises in psychology and has recently returned from the United States said:

This trouble is much more common in the United States than in England, because they are a young nation and more anxious to know what people think of them. They are continually feeling their mental muscles.

They have plenty of faith and confidence in themselves, but a little doubt. "While outwardly they have great assurance, inwardly there is apprehension that they may not be able to do the job properly—in other words, an inferiority complex disguised as a superiority one."

I know of schoolboys who try to conceal their failure at games by joining a gang and so trying to impress their personalities in other less desirable ways.

## K.C.'S £70,000 FEE

## SIR LESLIE SCOTT AND INDIAN PRINCES

The Indian States Committee since October 15 has met 16 times. Sir Leslie Scott, K.C., counsel for the Indian princes, has been the chief figure in the inquiry. To him was given the task of outlining the princes' grievances and their suggested remedies. Page by page he has gone through the evidence con-

## Erin's Champion



Con O'Kelly, heavyweight boxing champion of Ireland, who went to the United States to box Jimmy Maloney.

tained in five printed books of foolscap size, each containing some 500 pages. This has involved the quoting of nearly 800 cases from 130 different States of alleged violations of the treaties.

His concluding speech lasted three days. At the invitation of the princes Sir Leslie Scott came out to India in January, and visited most of the States, and talked with many rulers and officials. Returning to England in May, he, in conjunction with other distinguished counsel, drew up a legal opinion on the position. It has been stated that Sir Leslie Scott is receiving a fee of £53,000, with a "refresher" of £200 a day, making a total of more than £70,000, which is a record fee for a barrister.

## 12-HOURS DAY AT 94.

Mr. James Harries, of Tench-street, Wapping, E., who is in his 95th year, still works 12 hours daily as a watchman. Recently he said to a "Daily Mail" reporter:

I remember when twice yearly a fair was held in the Deptford Tunnel under the river. At night all the neighbourhood came down to dance.

The Shadwell district was then notoriously lawless. In one street, known locally as Palmer's Folly, six policemen, each armed with a cutlass, would patrol one side while there would be eight policemen on the other.

## EXCHANGES.

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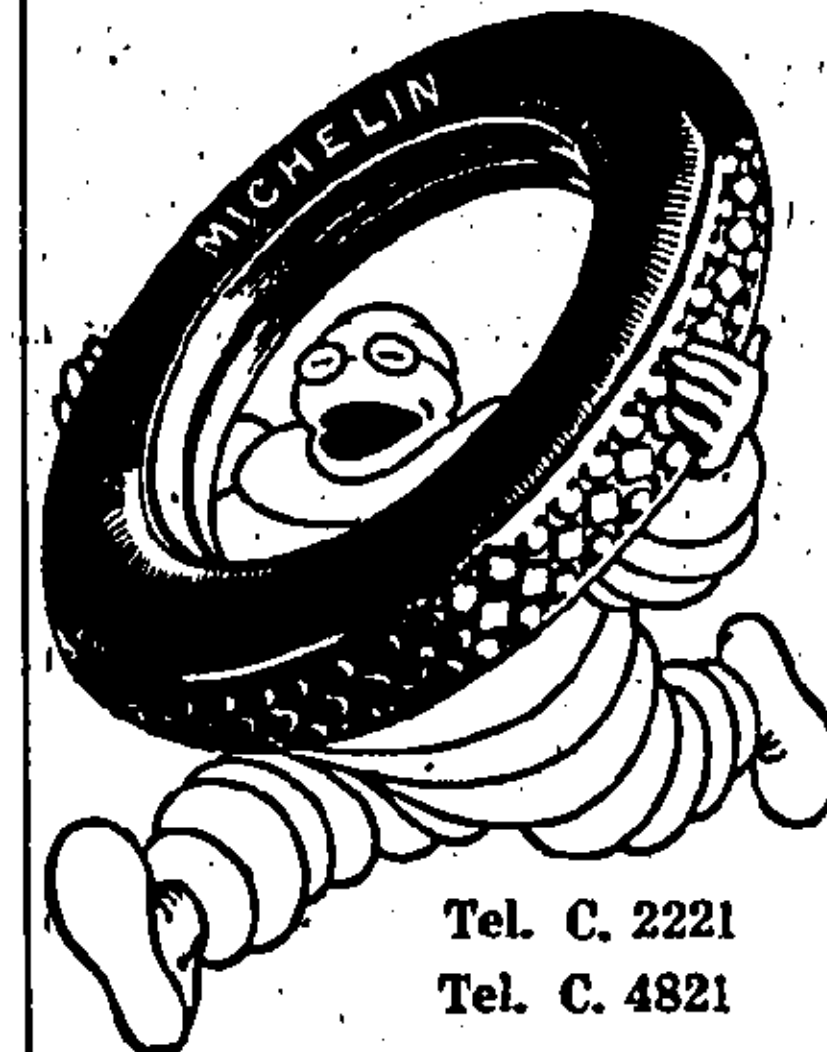
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	1928	1929
Tytam .....	12' 8" B	15' 6" B
Tytam B: .....	26' 6" B	24' 6" B
Tytam in .....	22' 6" B	24' 6" B
Tytam .....	22' 6" B	24' 6" B
Wong Nei Chung .....	15' 4" B	24' 6" B
Pokfulum .....	18' 3" B	23' 2" B

[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow": A. denotes "Above Overflow": L. denotes "Level with Overflow."]

Storage in millions and Decimals of gallons.

	1928	1929
Tytam .....	285.76	206.14
Tytam Byewash .....	33	88
Tytam Intermediate .....	195.90	183.90
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Wong Nei Chung .....	18.46	7.03
Pokfulum .....	25.32	18.60
Total .....	1,448.25	998.53

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of December.

	1927	1928
Consumption .....	271.58	196.41
Estimated population .....	417,940	428,260
Consumption per head .....	20.9	14.8

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## KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1928	1929
Kowloon Reservoir .....	7' 4" B	9' 6" B
Shek Lai Pui Reser. .....	1' 1" B	3' 0" B
Reception Reservoir .....	2' 3" B	1' 8" B
Storage of millions and decimals .....	—	—

	1928	1929
Kowloon Reservoir .....	280.42	280.74
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir .....	96.37	104.10
Reception Reservoir .....	27.24	26.76
Total .....	404.03	393.59

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of December.

	1927	1928
Consumption .....	83.63	109.76
Estimated population .....	163,180	168,220
Consumption per head .....	17.5	21.0

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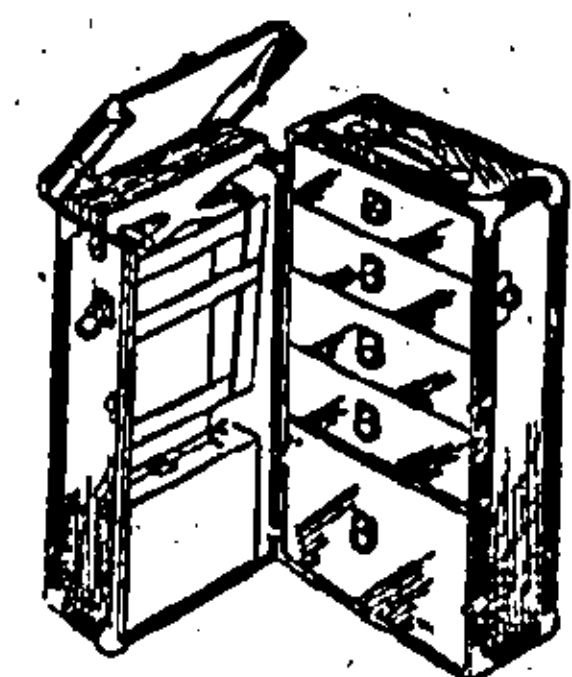
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# WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

The Prince After Getting Home



H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as he appeared in the first published photo after he finished a 6,000-mile rush from the heart of Africa to the bedside of his father. He is seen leaving Buckingham Palace for a visit to the Duke of York.

Seven Portfolios



When he took over the post of Minister for Colonies, Signor Benito Mussolini, Italy's Premier, became "a majority" in his own Cabinet. He is now responsible for seven portfolios, namely, Colonies, Foreign Affairs, Internal Affairs, War, Navy, Air, and Corporations. He also acts as President of the Cabinet Council.

Emperor Leads His Troops.



In his first public appearance following his coronation, Emperor Hirohito of Japan participated in army manoeuvres just outside Tokyo. He is seen leading his troops, clad in the uniform of a General in the Japanese Army. This is the first photo of him after his accession to the throne.

Visitor Honoured at Reception



Dr. Paul Mouroi was the guest of honour at a largely attended reception at Wang's Academy for Girls at No. 60, Hart-road, Shanghai, a number of Chinese and foreign members of the Teachers' College Alumni were invited to be present. A short programme of entertainment, rendered by the students of the Academy, was enjoyed by all.—(Ah Fong.)

A "Peter Pan" to Reappear?



That Maude Adams, the famous actress, had consented to come out of retirement for a limited touring engagement, was an apparently well-founded report. The painting above portrays Miss Adams in the role of Peter Pan, perhaps the most popular of her career.

Douglas Fairbanks



The film favourite who took to golf two years ago. He can now do 18 holes in under 89.

King's Sons Scrub Decks!



It is not all beer and skittles in the Danish Navy for even the King's sons. The photo shows Crown Prince Frederik, of Denmark (right), and his brother, Prince Knud (centre), scrubbing the deck of a Danish warship with another cadet. Both Princes are cadets in the Navy.

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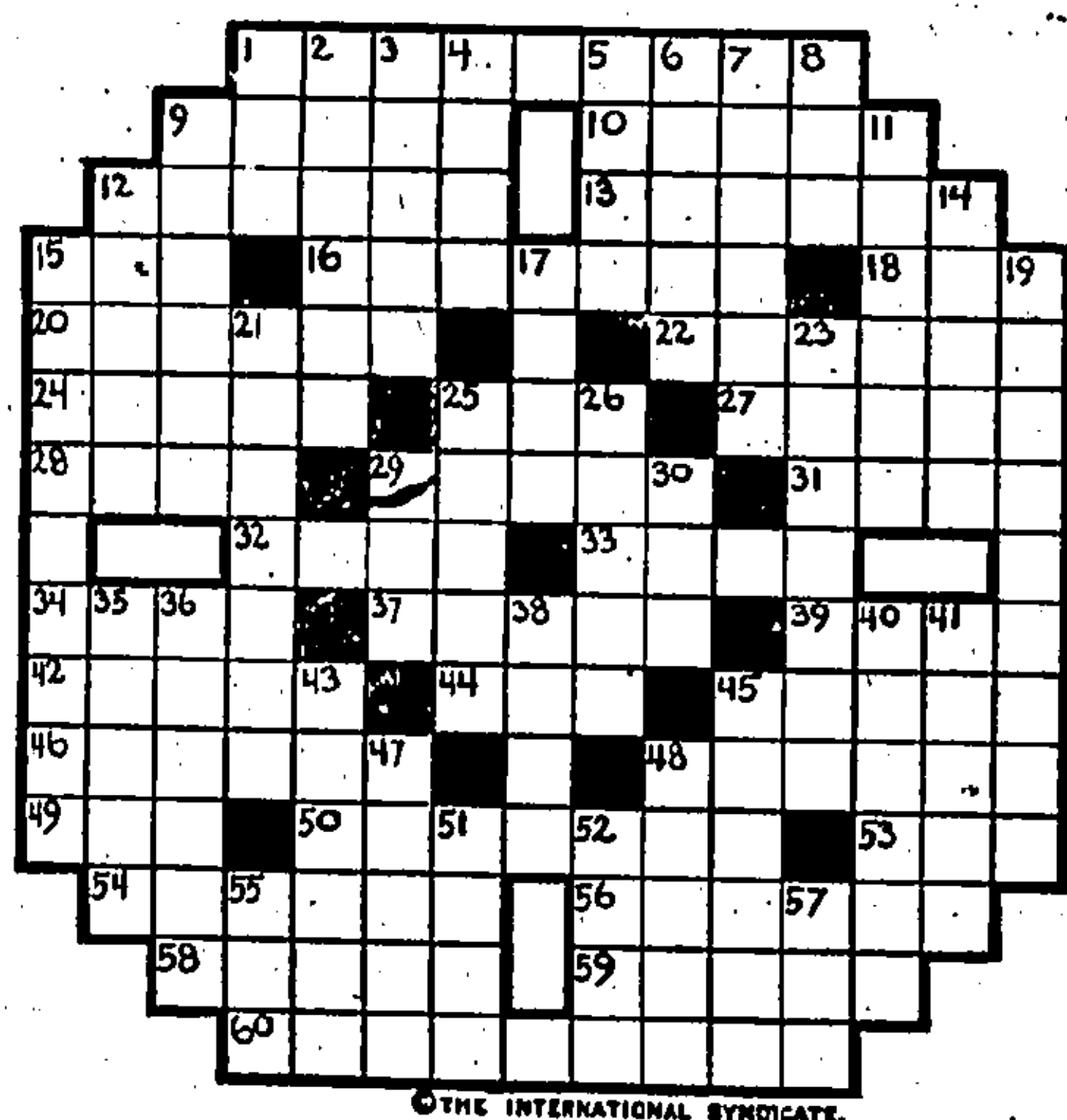
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## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



### HORIZONTAL

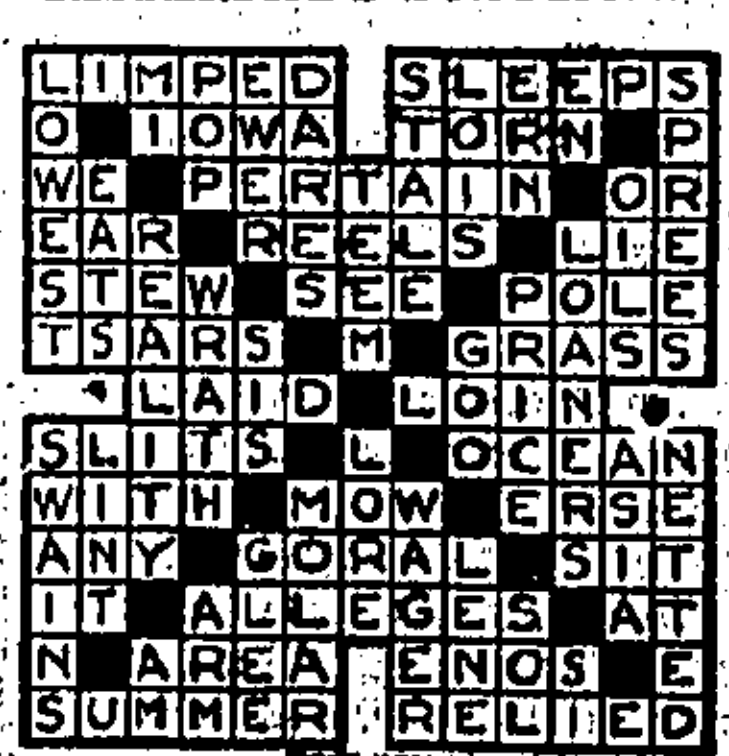
- 1-Listed
- 2-Measure of length (pl.)
- 3-Center of a wheel (pl.)
- 4-Animals using horns for piercing purposes
- 5-To graft by uniting two trees
- 6-Basket suspended beneath balloon
- 7-Aided
- 8-Ancient military engine
- 9-Raised structures for burning incense
- 10-Quilt
- 11-Approaches
- 12-Play on words
- 13-Those easily tricked
- 14-Soapstone
- 15-Famous English poet
- 16-Russian radical
- 17-Cure
- 18-Popular beverage
- 19-Wash
- 20-Expected with confidence
- 21-French for "bath"
- 22-Debtors

### VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 12-A helmet
- 13-Abhorred
- 14-Deliciously flavored
- 15-Journey
- 16-Herald
- 17-Bowmen
- 18-Lasting
- 19-State marking turn in airplane race
- 20-Smelled
- 21-Exclamation of contempt
- 22-On a level with the waves
- 23-Chaste
- 24-Prefix meaning around
- 25-Originator
- 26-Small creek
- 27-Mexican blanket
- 28-Clintment of oil and wax
- 29-Restore
- 30-Valley
- 31-Party for men only
- 32-Obtruse
- 33-Seed covering

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



### HONG KONG HEIGHTS

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:-

Island.	Feet.
Victoria Peak	1822
Signal Station	1774
Mt. Parker	1734
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Byrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1806
Taifoo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Road (Afterbeds)	829
Tatmoshan	8124
Mainland.	Feet.
Tatmoshan	8124
Kowloon Peak	1971

# THE WORLD OF BOOKS

## "MAIL" REVIEWS

### NOBILE'S FLIGHT

["The Tragedy of the Italia," by Davide Giudici. (Ernest Benn Ltd., 12/6 net).]

This book gives for the first time, so far as any one man can give it, the story of General Nobile's flight over the North Pole in the airship Italia and the subsequent miraculous rescue of several of the explorers who were marooned on the pack ice. Signor Giudici who was the only foreign journalist on board the rescue ship Krassin was representing the Milan newspaper Corriere della Sera. He has a straightforward telling style which makes his book one of the finest descriptions we have read for a long time. In the introduction he tells the reader about the organization and aims of the ill-fated Italia expedition. His introductory chapter finishes thus: "At 1 a.m. on May 24, General Nobile flew over the North Pole and let fall there the Italian national flag and the cross that Pope Pius XI had entrusted to him before the departure from Rome. Then, fighting against very difficult atmospheric conditions he began the return journey. The airship kept up regular wireless communication with the Citta di Milano, anchored at King's Bay, until the hour of 10.27 a.m. on May 25, after which all signs of life suddenly ceased."

It was the catastrophe. Following that we have two hundred palpitating pages describing heroic battling against the awful conditions prevailing round about Spitzbergen, of hopes realised and hopes shattered, of a lone icy land fit only for the Polar bear and the walrus. When Nobile's messages suddenly ceased brave men of many nations offered to go and search for the silent explorers. One of the first was Amundsen, conqueror of both poles, the intrepid Norwegian who in searching for the Italians disappeared into the Arctic horror never to return. To Signor Giudici Amundsen said: "Ah! if you only knew how splendid it is up there! That's where I want to die; and I wish only that death will come to me chivalrously, will overtake me in the fulfilment of a high mission, quickly, without suffering." The great explorer's wish was soon granted.

It is a pleasant surprise to learn how ready the Soviet government was to send the large ice-breaker, Krassin and her crew, as well as several scientists, to the rescue of Mussolini's countrymen; also to see how the men of various nationalities and conflicting ideas and ideals lived together in trying circumstances like a big happy family. "The Tragedy of the Italia" is a clean, healthy, ennobling book showing man at his bravest and best as he battles with Nature in her angriest and deadliest mood and in her most impregnable stronghold, not for reward or glory, but just in order to snatch from the jaws of the ice fiend a few daring explorers. In this book we have laughter and tears, heroism and information sufficient to form the groundwork of a dozen novels. Thus on page 178 we get: "Noble the Norwegian is one of the very few hunters—there are not more than three or four—who regularly pass the winter on the N.V. coast of Spitzbergen, absolutely alone, occupying a primitive hut, facing with incredible indifference the rigorous season when the temperature sinks as low as 40 per cent. below freezing point, the solitude aggravated by the Polar night and privations of every kind. They kill bears, on which they throw themselves while the beasts are still struggling 'in their death-agonies, in order to suck the warm blood which gushes out from the wounds, etc.'"

There are thirty-three excellent photographic illustrations and a map which shows the routes of the Krassin in her search.

A splendid book well worth the money!

### A STRANGE LAND

["Persian Days," by Copley Amory Junr. (Methuen 10/6 net).]

In our opinion the title of this book is a misnomer: "A Motor Tour Through Part of Persia" would be a more accurate name for it. "Persian Days" is interesting but never exciting, entertaining although lacking wit and humour, and educative despite the fact that a great deal of relevant data at hand has not been made use of. In many ways the preface and what the author calls digressions are the best parts of the book, the chapter on rugs and rug-making and the few pages about the habits of opium-smoking being especially interesting. The rest of the book is a mass of dull, commonplace, and uninteresting facts. The preface also contains the best English "touch" of what follows in the written in sentences like: "I was in the city of Shiraz, the capital of Persia, in the month of May, 1927."

involved—sentences that would cause Messrs. Fowler and Quiller Couch to squirm. Some of them jarred on us badly and others had to be read two or three times before we could get the author's meaning. It caused us surprise that Mr. Amory, who is an American, devotes some space to Persia's industrial outlook he scarcely mentions those oilfields which have been the cause of so much heart burning and speculation in Europe and America. But Oil and Mr. Shuster are avoided. There is one probably sees the hand of the diplomat, for Mr. Amory was at one time American Charge d'Affaires at Teheran. Strange too is it that Teheran is not described.

The author devotes some pages (by no means too many) to Persia's kaleidoscopic history and mentions such resounding names as Cyrus, Darius, Xerxes, Sargon, Valerian, Alexander, Hulagu, Persepolis, Susa, Isfahan, Shapur etc., but fails to seize the chance such names, redolent of romance and glamour, offer to the writer. That, of course, may again be a diplomat's restraint. Nevertheless with all these omissions and shortcomings the book is well worth reading. But we are not enamoured of Persia with its ancient caravanserais, trackless mountains, sun-smitten bustling hills, dreadful salt deserts, maximum heat, crystal atmosphere, bad lands, smelly cities etc. The call of Persia might appeal to some misanthropes or certain types of fanatics but scarcely to the man of ordinary tastes and dislikes. As Mr. Amory in one of his best passages remarks: "It is like so much of Persia, a superworld of space and light, where Nature's work seems only half finished, a place for clouds and storms and sunlight, but not for the trivialities and meannesses of men: where distances have no end and men seem but accidents, where silence and remoteness are your companions and eternity your destination." That may be all right for poets and hermits, but not for the average full-blooded citizen.

There are fifty-one excellent illustrations and a well-drawn endpaper map.

### OPERAS IN PROSE

[Gilbert and Sullivan, a Romantic Prose Version of the Famous Operas: Lillian Bradstock. (Cecil Palmer, 7/6).]

The books that have been written on Gilbert and Sullivan would almost stock a library, but a new book on so well-known a subject must always arouse interest, and recall happy memories. The operas appeal to people of every age, and that is one of the secrets of their perennial popularity. For the child there is fairy land with all its glamour; the gleaming wings of Iolanthe, the chorus of peers with their ermine-decked robes and their coronets, and the shepherds of Arcady mingle delightfully with the London policeman, the pirates, and the other unexpected inhabitants of that enchanted country. The Sorcerer, the Lord, High Executioner, and the other villains give the same thrill that Barrie's Captain Hook and his Crocodile renew so pleasantly every Christmas, while much of the sly humour, for all its subtlety, is within the range of a child's appreciation. For the older members of the audience there is romantic sentiment. Who can forget Henry Lytton as Jack Point, and the grotesque, heart-breaking pathos of his last?

"I have a song to sing you. Sing me your song, O!" There is just enough sting in the satire to tickle without wounding, a kindly mockery with no bitterness, and there is the unforgettable music, often as witty as the words, and its engaging melodies that may be "sung in the bath," which is one of the tests of a really good tune. And the oldest hearers of all may renew their youth in happy reminiscence.

True, some of the satire dates rather badly; Bunthorne languishing over his lily loaves, some of his absurdity, if the Yellow Book and the cult of the green carnation are forgotten, while Ida and the Lady Blanche, with their horror at the cigar case may seem to the modern "co-ed" rather antediluvian. But much of it lasts. The First Sea Lord who has wide experience of almost

everything except the navy and the sea is with us yet in other gulches; the kingdom of Barataria is not too distantly related to that of Ruritania; while colonials at any rate will still chuckle over Pooh Bah, who found his duty as Chancellor of the Exchequer involved him in a dispute with himself as Private Secretary to Koko. And the verbal wit is of course unstated by custom.

It is this very wit that makes inadequate any attempt to give the story of the operas in prose; even the libretto read silently falls apart from the fact that the words and music are inseparable, one misses the neat and pointed enunciation, the vigorous acting, and the polished and clear-cut phrasing, which, thanks to the D'Oyly Carte Company, are always associated with the operas. Try reading aloud "Take a pair of sparkling eyes" or "A Wandering Minstrel I." Remember Bertha Lewis singing the part of Buttercup. When she is described in this book as "a buxom woman carrying a large basket on her arm," the most tolerant critic will sigh for the rich humour and vitality that cannot be expressed in the dull medium of prose.

Again the plots in themselves are often very confusing. The Yeoman of the Guard treated, as it is here, as a short novel, with its substitutions and disguises completely mazes the mind, but to an audience in the theatre, all is clear as day. Others, like Trial by Jury, are too slight to stand analysis. The author takes the stories too seriously. In her zeal to amuse, she adds humour of her own, usually in the form of the worst type of heavy journalistic periphrasis, and loses all trace of the original fun. Any novel without enough conversation is apt to hang heavily, and most of these versions are unrelieved by a scrap of dialogue. And what is perhaps most annoying of all, the personality of the narrator is continually obtruded in such phrases as "It must not be imagined" and the frequent "Now at the beginning of a paragraph. Even the grammar could well be corrected in such a sentence as this 'They asked Hannah if it were not possible for she (sic) herself to marry.'"

The book is useful for reference, and gives slightly more than the ordinary synopsis, for those who may want to place and give song or incident, but it is not to be read for its own sake, except by the very uncritical. If you want to enjoy Gilbert and Sullivan, you must have their own words set to their own music, and of that there is 'No possible doubt whatever.'

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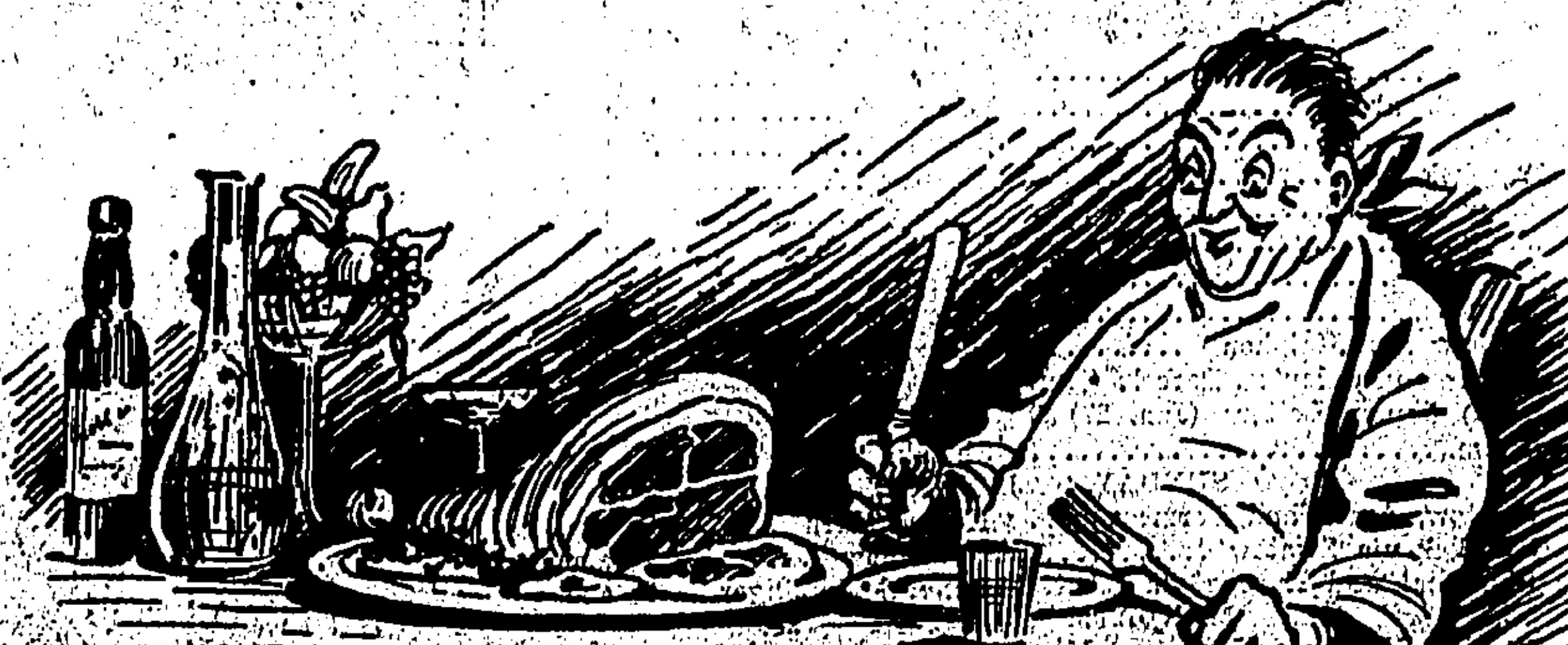
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### INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	26.	President Hayes
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27.		
Saigon		General Metzinger
Shanghai and Swatow		Shantung
Shanghai and Swatow		Hupoh
Japan, Shanghai & Europe via Siberia (London, 5th Jan.)		Hakodate Maru
MONDAY, JANUARY 28.		
Europe via Negapatam (Letters and Papers London, 27th Dec., 1928)		Padua
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai		President Lincoln
Saigon		Albert Sarraut
Japan		Santhia
Manila		President Grant
Shanghai and Amoy		Chenan
TUESDAY, JANUARY 29.		
Japan and Shanghai		D'Artagnan
Straits		Takada
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30.		
Japan		Arafura
THURSDAY, JANUARY 31.		
Japan		Anyo Maru

### OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	
Saigon	26.	Michael Jensen
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27.		
Fort Bayard	1.30 p.m.	Wing Lee
Dairen	2.30 p.m.	Kathe
Bangkok	2.30 p.m.	Bintang
Amoy	4.30 p.m.	Anking
Manila	5 p.m.	President Hayes
Formosa	5 p.m.	Sourabaya Maru
Saigon	5 p.m.	Lyemnon
Hoihow and Haiphong	5 p.m.	New Mathilde
Straits and Calcutta. Parcels (Jan. 26) 5 p.m. Letters (Jan. 27) 9 a.m.		Shirala
MONDAY, JANUARY 28.		
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	9 a.m.	Hozan Maru
Bangkok via Swatow	9 a.m.	Kwanchow
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	9 a.m.	General Metzinger
TUESDAY, JANUARY 29.		
Straits, Mombasa, Lourenco Marques and S. Africa	2.30 p.m.	Bingo Maru
Swatow	2.30 p.m.	Hydrangea
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, C. & S. America and Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 20th Feb. and Europe via Siberia. Parcels (Jan. 28) 5 p.m. Registration (Jan. 29) 9.45 a.m. Letters (Jan. 29) 10.30 a.m.		President Grant

\*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

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### OPIUM-SMOKING IN THE FAR EAST

#### "CO-OPERATION"

#### WHAT CHINA'S NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT DEMANDS

#### TASK OF REPRESSION

Geneva, Yesterday.  
Mr. Wang King-ky, in offering the "sincere and devoted co-operation of United China" to the Opium Commission, demanded prohibition of opium smoking in the possessions of interested powers in the Far East and that the task of repressing the illicit traffic within concessions, leased territories, etcetera, be handed over to the Chinese authorities.  
A "Breeze"  
References by Mr. Wang to historic incidents in which he specifically mentioned Great Britain and Japan called forth the intervention of the Chairman and a warning against the introduction of politics.  
Subsequently the question of inserting Mr. Wang's declarations in the minutes provoked a spirited debate.

Sir Malcolm Delevingne supported Mr. Sato who proposed the insertion of the statement without the political passages.  
Mr. Wang refused to retract and intimated that if China were not free to make her voice heard she would not remain in the League.  
The discussion was adjourned.

A "Serious Case"  
What was described as a most serious case of contraband drug operations was mentioned by the Opium Committee relating to the Naerden Factory in Rotterdam.

The Dutch report stated that the factory held a licence and received drugs from various countries particularly from Germany and Switzerland and expected them throughout the world especially to China and the rest of the Far East.  
Sir M. Delevingne stated that one Bale firm exported over 3,500 lbs. of heroin to Holland in 1927.  
M. Carriere, Switzerland, detailed the safeguards adopted by his Government who, he agreed, might have been imprudent but said the responsibility of the "sad affair" in no wise rested solely with Switzerland.

Sir John Campbell (India) said he never regarded Switzerland as the only or even the principal culprit.—Reuter.

### FOOD SAMPLES

#### GOVERNMENT ANALYST'S STATISTICS

#### GENUINE AND ADULTERATED

The following is the return of samples examined by the Government Analyst in 1928:

	Number	Genuine	Adulterated
Flour	47	47	0
Pepper	25	12	13
Sugar	56	56	0
Milk (fresh)	70	66	4
Bread	83	83	0
Mustard	1	0	1
Coffee	34	34	0
Butter	27	27	0
Tea	34	31	3
Milk (tinued)	30	30	0
Confectionery	2	2	0
Lard	9	9	0
Cocoa	5	5	0
Arrowroot	1	1	0
Jam	7	7	0
Butter (tinued)	5	5	0
Cheese	10	10	0
Milk (condensed)	3	3	0
Milk (skimmed)	1	1	0
Milk (full cream, tinued)	1	1	0
Vinegar	6	6	0
Total	457	436	21

#### OPERATION ON DOG

When a piece of glass flew into the eye of a Pekingese dog, in the street, his owner, Mr. Eaton, of Surrey-road, Barnes, hurried with it to the West London Hospital, Hammersmith-road. The dog was howling pitifully.  
The dog was taken to the eye specialist. The glass was removed, and a few minutes later it was handed back to its master.  
"We do not treat animals as a rule," an official said, "but in this case the dog was in such pain that we decided to operate at once."

The American Association of Tientsin at its annual meeting recently elected the following officers for the year:—President: Mr. H. M. Young; Vice-president: Mr. C. J. Donnell; Honorary treasurer: Mr. N. A. Gorman; Honorary secretary: Mr. B. C. Eastham; Committee: Messrs F. F. Spielman, F. C. Cheek, J. H. McCann, G. C. Magatagan, C. E. Seymour, E. K. Lowry, J. Warner Brown and C. J. Donnell.

### THE ITALIAN NAVY

#### NEW VESSELS

#### CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN NEXT JUNE

#### CRUISERS, ETC.

Rome, Yesterday.  
The Cabinet has decided that construction will begin in June of 2 10,000-ton cruisers, 2 flotilla leaders, 4 destroyers and 5 submarines.—Reuter.

#### ENERGY WASTED

#### ONLY 1 PER CENT. OF A VOICE HEARD

#### A SEA INVENTION

The fact that a cornet-blower only gets a thousandth part of his energy turned into sound was mentioned by Mr. Alexander Wood in a lecture to juveniles on "Sound Waves and their Uses."  
The lectures are arranged by the Royal Institution, but this year they are being given at the Institution of Electrical Engineers. Mr. Wood, in his second lecture recently, dealt particularly with the transmission of sound through air and water.

In the case of signalling by air, he said, much less audibility, and much greater variations in audibility, were got than might be expected. The lecturer instanced a siren used at sea which, theoretically, ought to be audible over a quarter of the circumference of the globe, yet could only be heard from ten to fifteen miles away.  
In the case of the human voice only 1 per cent. of the energy reached the ears of an audience, and yet the human voice was one of the most efficient sound producers. The most efficient of all, Mr. Wood said, was an instrument called the bombardino, which yielded 1.2 per cent.

Having instanced these cases of lost sounds, Mr. Wood proceeded to explain that variations in atmospheric conditions were the main cause of inaudibility. When the air near the ground was warmest—in the middle of a hot day, with a clear sky—the sound rays were bent away from the earth and audibility was poor. When the air near the ground was coolest—in the evening of a hot day, with a clear sky—the sound rays were bent towards the earth and audibility was good.

Touching on another phenomenon in connection with sound waves, Mr. Wood dealt with what is called the "silent zone." As an example, he quoted the disastrous Silvertown explosion of January, 1917. On that occasion the whole county of Cambridge was a silent area, while in the more distant counties of Norfolk and Lincoln the report was heard.

Even more fascinating was the lecturer's explanation of how sound travelled in water. One advantage of water was that there were not the variations in temperature experienced in the air, and sound in water could be picked up from long distances by means of special instruments. As a matter of fact, Mr. Wood said, there was not a depth of the ocean which could not be sounded. This was done by making a noise on the surface of the water and then listening for the echo from the bottom. From the time taken for the sound to travel the depth of the ocean could be determined.

An interesting development in the transmission of sound through water was demonstrated by the use of a French instrument exhibited for the first time to a British audience. The ordinary depth-sounding instrument was accurate enough for its purpose, Mr. Wood explained. It, however, only gave a response from the bed of the sea directly beneath the ship. The new instrument, produced by Professor Langevin, of Paris, adopted a principle, now made use of in wireless—the beam, by which sound could be turned in any particular direction and the rays kept in a narrow area. The beam could be turned about, and as the energy did not spread, the reflection from a comparatively small object—a submarine or an iceberg—could be detected. The new invention had been made possible by producing sound waves which had a frequency of about 40,000 a second. These were far above the limits of audibility, but electrical plants took the place of the human ear, and a commercial type of apparatus had been produced. M. Florissin, who had been associated with Professor Langevin in the invention, was present at the lecture, and assisted in demonstrating its possibilities.

### A PICTURE ALL SHOULD SEE!

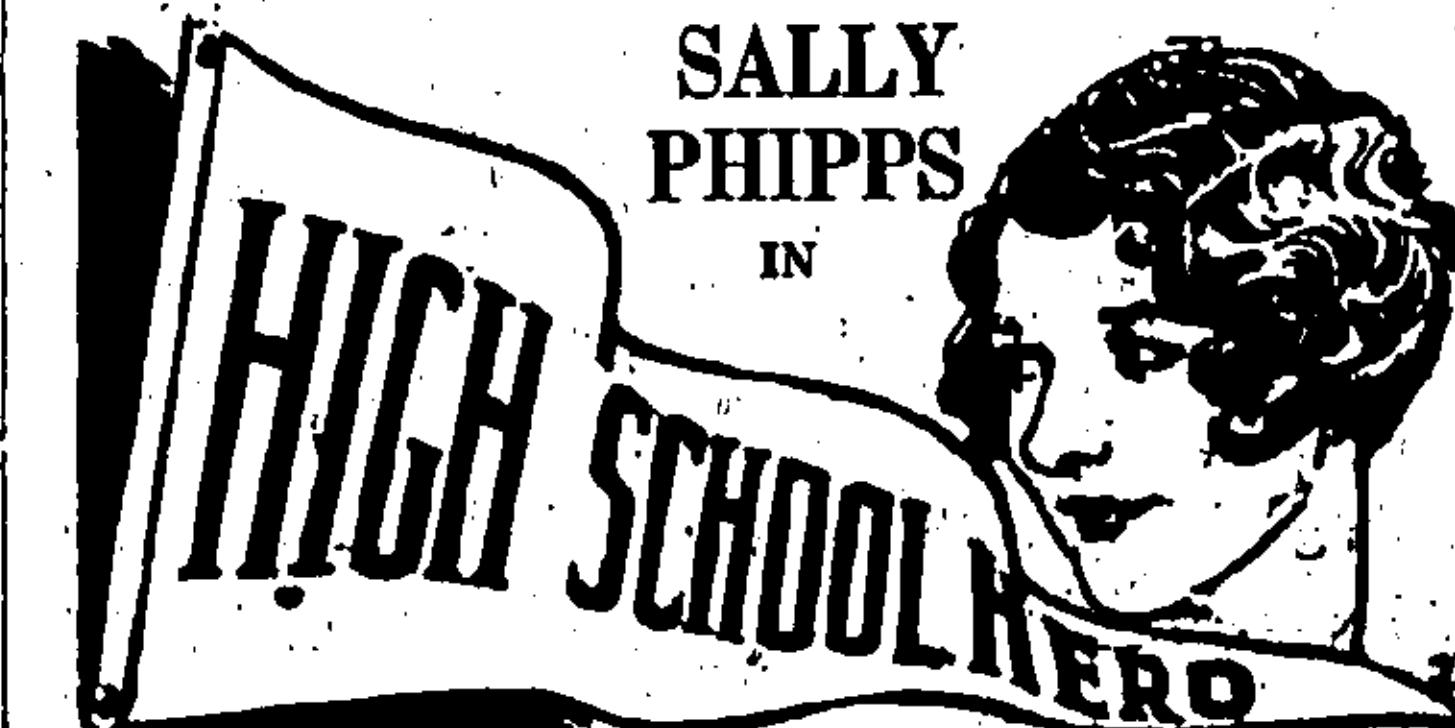
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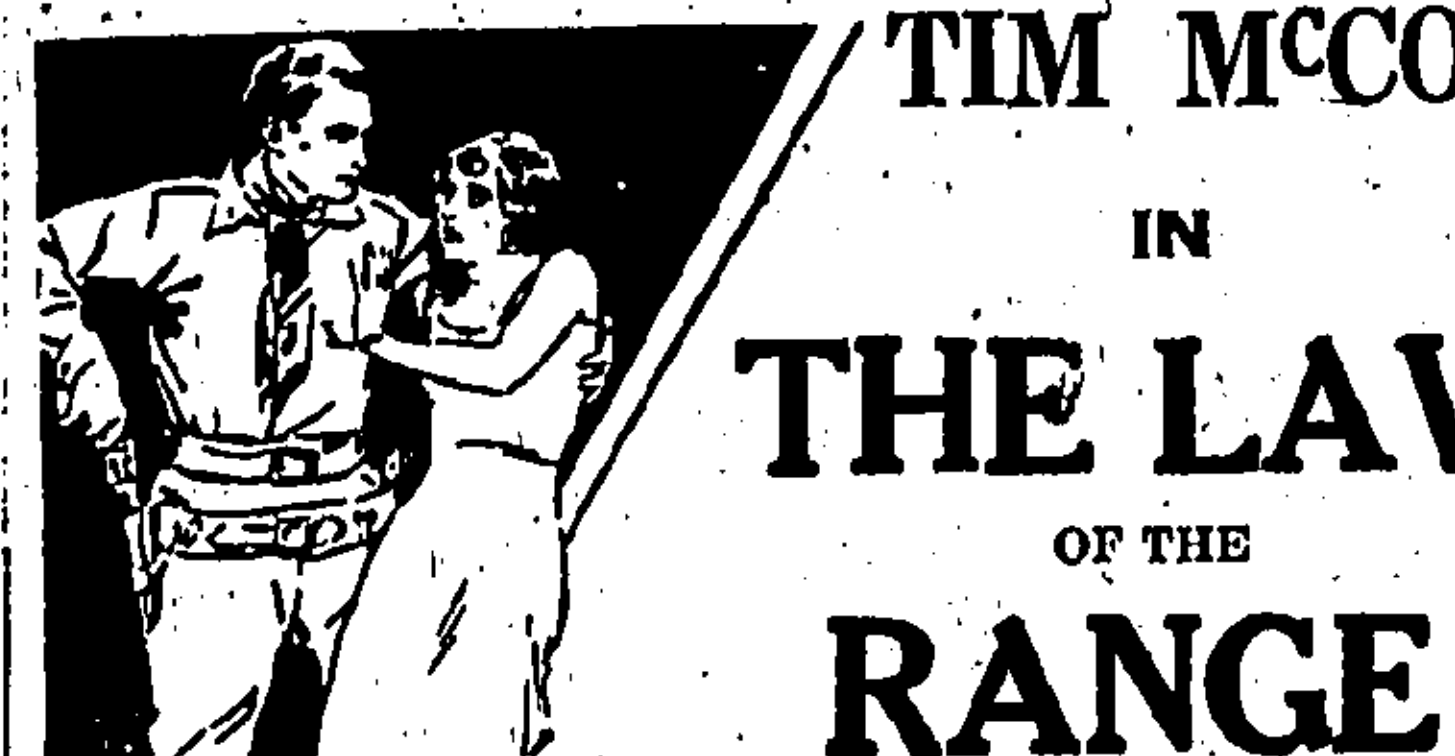
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The "Manila Bulletin" says:—"Pussyfoot" Johnson comes to Manila after visiting Japan and China with the firm conviction that the prohibition movement has a good foothold in the Far East. He made statements indicating that the Orient is drier than it once was, and is going to be drier still. Shanghai was considerable of a disappointment to the "dry" crusader. He came away with a Christmas Eve celebration still ringing in his ears and missed a visit to the longest bar in the world in that city.

#### LOAN FOR POLAND

Warsaw.—The Banque de Commerce a Varsovie (Bank of Commerce of Warsaw) has secured a credit of £2,000,000 for the purpose of making advances to farmers on the security of their grain.

It is understood that the credit was secured in London by Prince Lubomirski, president of the bank, with the help of the Banca Commerciale Italiana.

Advances on which 10 per cent. interest is to be charged will be made up to 50 per cent. of the value of the grain. It is understood that as the credit has been obtained rather late in the year, the entire amount will not be taken up.

An Englishman, an Irishman, and a Scot followed each other into the dock at Tower Bridge Court, charged with being drunk.  
In reply to the charge the Englishman said, "Yes," the Irishman replied, "No," the Scot said, "I don't know whether I was drunk or sober," and the Scot said, "I thought I was aw right."